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Migrant caravan swells to 5,000, resumes advance toward U.S.

Central American migrants walk north toward Tapachula, after departing Ciudad Hidalgo, Mexico, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018. Despite Mexican efforts to stop them at the Guatemala-Mexico border, about 5,000 Central American migrants resumed their advance toward the U.S. border early Sunday in southern Mexico.

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Trump says U.S. will pull out of intermediate range nuke pact

By ZEKE MILLER and MICHAEL BALSAMO

ELKO, Nevada (AP) — President Donald Trump said Saturday he will exit a landmark arms control agreement the United States signed with the former Soviet Union, saying that Russia is violating the pact and it's preventing the U.S. from developing new weapons. The 1987 pact, which helps protect the security of the U.S. and its allies in Europe and the Far East, prohibits the United States and Russia from possessing, producing or test-flying a ground-launched cruise missile with a range of 300 to 3,400 miles.

"Russia has violated the agreement. They have been violating it for many years," Trump said after a



President Donald Trump speaks to media before boarding Air Force One at Elko Regional Airport, Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018, in Elko, Nev., after a campaign rally.

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rally in Elko, Nevada. "And we're not going to let them violate a nuclear agreement and go out and do weapons and we're not al-

lowed to."

The agreement has constrained the U.S. from developing new weapons, but America will begin de-

veloping them unless Russia and China agree not to possess or develop the weapons, Trump said. China is not currently party to the pact.

"We'll have to develop those weapons, unless Russia comes to us and China comes to us and they all come to us and say let's really get smart and let's none of us develop those weapons, but if Russia's doing it and if China's doing it, and we're adhering to the agreement, that's unacceptable," he said.

National Security Adviser John Bolton was headed Saturday to Russia, Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia. His first stop is Moscow, where he'll meet with Russian leaders, including Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev. His visit comes at a time when Moscow-Washington relations also remain frosty over the Ukrainian crisis, the war in Syria and allegations of Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential race and upcoming U.S. midterm elections.

There was no immediate comment from the Kremlin or the Russian Foreign Ministry on Trump's announcement.

Trump didn't provide details about violations, but in 2017, White House national security officials said Russia had deployed a cruise missile in violation of the treaty. Earlier, the Obama administration accused the Russians of violating the pact by developing and testing a prohibited cruise missile. Russia has repeatedly denied that it has violated the treaty and has accused the United States of not being in compliance.

Defense Secretary James Mattis has previously suggested that a Trump administration proposal to add a sea-launched cruise missile to America's nuclear arsenal could provide the U.S. with leverage to try to convince Russia to come back in line on the arms treaty.

Russia's Foreign Ministry said in February that the country would only consider us-

ing nuclear weapons in response to an attack involving nuclear or other weapons of mass destruction, or in response to a non-nuclear assault that endangered the survival of the Russian nation.

"We are slowly slipping back to the situation of cold war as it was at the end of the Soviet Union, with quite similar consequences, but now it could be worse because (Russian President Vladimir) Putin belongs to a generation that had no war under its belt," said Dmitry Oreshkin, an independent Russian political analyst. "These people aren't as much fearful of a war as people of Brezhnev's epoch. They think if they threaten the West properly, it gets scared."

Trump's decision could be controversial with European allies and others who see value in the treaty, said Steven Pifer, a former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine and now a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who focuses on nuclear arms control.

"Once the United States withdraws from the treaty, there is no reason for Russia to even pretend it is observing the limits," he wrote in a post on the organization's website. "Moscow will be free to deploy the 9M729 cruise missile, and an intermediate-range ballistic missile if it wants, without any restraint."

U.S. officials have previously alleged that Russia violated the treaty by deliberately deploying a land-based cruise missile in order to pose a threat to NATO. Russia has claimed that U.S. missile defenses violate the pact.

In the past, the Obama administration worked to convince Moscow to respect the INF treaty but made little progress.

"If they get smart and if others get smart and they say let's not develop these horrible nuclear weapons, I would be extremely happy with that, but as long as somebody's violating the agreement, we're not going to be the only ones to adhere to it," Trump said. □

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PAC won't end ad saying black men will face rape accusations

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A political action committee said Friday that it won't pull radio ads in hotly contested races in Arkansas and Missouri that suggest African American men will face rape accusations if Democrats win midterm elections.

An ad from Black Americans for the President's Agenda in an Arkansas congressional race features a woman saying "white Democrats will be lynching black folk again." Both the Republican incumbent and his Democratic challenger have condemned it, and the Arkansas GOP filed a state ethics complaint over it.

In Missouri, the radio ad favoring Republican challenger Josh Hawley and attacking Democratic U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, does not mention lynching. Instead, the woman says that if Democrats prevail in midterm elections, "black folk will be catching hell again" and that black men could face allegations of rape. Hawley spokeswoman Kelli Ford said in an email, "Of course we don't support this."

The ads in both states were scheduled to run through Friday.

"We have a plan, we're executing the plan," Vernon Robinson, the PAC's co-founder and treasurer, told The Associated Press. Robinson has said the ad is part of a \$50,000 buy.

Robinson said the reference to lynching was re-

moved from the Missouri ad because the attorney for a St. Louis radio station demanded it be left out before the station would run it. Instead of mentioning "race verdicts, life sentences and lynchings when a white girl screams rape," the Missouri ad talks about "race verdicts, life sentences or worse."

But Robinson said, "The reality is, every black person in St. Louis knows what 'or worse' means."

Both ads invoke the accusation that Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh sexually assaulted a woman when he was a teenager. The ad implies that Democrats' support for Kavanaugh's accuser means black men wouldn't be protected from unfounded rape claims.

In both ads, a woman says that she is voting for the Republican candidate to protect "our men and boys."

In the Arkansas ad, for Republican U.S. Rep. French Hill against Democratic challenger Clarke Tucker, the woman says, "We can't afford to let white Democrats take us back to bad old days."

Arkansas Republicans on Friday filed a complaint with the state Ethics Commission against the PAC, saying it had not registered to campaign in Arkansas and that the ads were running illegally. Robinson on Friday said the complaint was "utterly without merit" and that the state Ethics Commission didn't have

jurisdiction over federal PACs.

Tucker and Democrats are relying in part on heavy turnout from African-Americans to flip the 2nd District seat, which covers Little Rock and seven central Arkansas counties.

The North Carolina-based PAC was formed earlier this year and this week reported having about \$52,507 cash on hand and \$62,769 in debt. Robinson is a former city councilman from Winston-Salem, North Car-




This combination of 2018 file photos shows Arkansas Congressional candidates, Democrat Clarke Tucker, left, and Republican U.S. Rep. French Hill.

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olina, who has run unsuccessfully for Congress in the state and led a super PAC

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In this July 24, 2018 file photo, House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis., attends a news conference following a GOP caucus meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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GOP risks messy leadership struggle after November vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Win or lose in the race for the majority, House Republicans are at risk of plunging into a messy leadership battle after the November election, with the party lacking a clear heir apparent to take the place of House Speaker Paul Ryan. President Donald Trump has signaled he'd be happy

with next-in-line Kevin McCarthy, the majority leader, a longtime ally whom the president calls "My Kevin." But Trump is also saying kind words about the No. 3 Republican, GOP Whip Steve Scalise, whom he calls the "legend from Louisiana." Scalise survived life-threatening injuries after he was shot at a congressional baseball practice in 2017. And there's a third lawmaker in the mix: conservative Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, who is waging a long-shot bid to take the gavel. Trump appeared with Jordan at an Ohio rally in the summer and beamed when the crowd started chanting, "Speaker of the House!"

"There's going to be a contest, for sure," said GOP Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma, a veteran of leadership battles who said he's never seen anything like the "high drama" that's about to unfold. "Usually the election settles all the issues. This one won't."

Polls are seesawing in the final weeks before the election, creating suspense about whether Democrats will regain control of the House for the first time since 2010. Yet it's almost certain that the often unruly House GOP contingent will be smaller next year. Republicans hope to hold the majority, but fully expect to lose some seats.

The election is likely to produce a more conservative, pro-Trump Republican lineup in the House, as most of the GOP incumbents at risk of losing hail from moderate-leaning districts and suburbs. Their defeat would probably concentrate more power in the hands of the House Freedom

Caucus and its libertarian-leaning allies in rural, traditionally Republican states who doubt McCarthy's conservative bona fides. Those lawmakers blocked the Californian's rise when he first reached for the speaker's gavel three years ago.

Conservatives say the House majority is at risk in large part because Republicans didn't stand fully behind Trump. They fault their own side for failing to repeal "Obamacare," build a wall along the border with Mexico and keep other campaign promises. If there's a GOP wipeout on Election Day, Republicans will probably be eager to boot the current GOP leadership, which could give rise to Scalise or even Jordan's unorthodox bid.

In public, none of the leaders-in-waiting likes to talk about the struggle to come. Their goal, they say, is to keep the House majority. But behind the scenes all three are all dialing up colleagues and racing around the country spending their time — and campaign cash — to salvage the GOP's hold on the House. "It's going to be close, but I still think we keep the majority," McCarthy told The Associated Press on Wednesday in between campaign stops. McCarthy, who is traveling to a dozen states for two dozen lawmakers in October and shoveled \$24 million in donations to candidates and campaign committees, convened an all-hands-on-deck conference call, urging colleagues to put campaign money into a team effort to protect the majority.

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The upbeat mood after that call Wednesday was a turnaround from the gloom of a few weeks ago when polls indicated Democrats were favored to take over the House, with even safe seats in Trump-won districts in Pennsylvania and Iowa at risk. Republicans are sensing an uptick, thanks to Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court, and a newly energized electorate awakened to the stakes of the midterm. As McCarthy puts it, "This is an election about jobs versus the mobs."

Scalise technically isn't even running for a promotion — officially, he backs McCarthy for speaker — but he's indicated he would be available to step in if McCarthy falls short.

While boarding a plane after campaigning in Michigan, Scalise said that while the GOP ranks may be smaller and tighter after the election, the outcome "brings everybody closer." He was dashing off to support the GOP candidate in an open seat in South Carolina. Rather than embolden challenges to the leadership, the election could knit the House GOP closer together behind Trump's agenda, he said.

"Everybody needs to be all in," Scalise told AP. "We're not fighting to keep this majority to be at odds with each other. We want to get some things done."

As the majority whip these past few years, he said, "my job has been to build those coalitions."

Perhaps most unusual has been Jordan's longshot bid. Taking a page from Trump's playbook, Jordan has eschewed the normal path, opting for an outside campaign that's drumming up support from conservative groups and media-friendly allies.

Jordan is a regular on Fox News, pushing the House GOP's investigation of the Justice Department's probe into Russian interference in the 2016 election. Alongside Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., the chairman of the Freedom Caucus who is also campaigning for colleagues, he is positioning the group for influence in the House. None of the top



In this Sept. 13, 2018 file photo, House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis., center, talks with House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of Calif., left, while House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, R-La., speaks during a news conference in Washington.

Associated Press

three is without baggage. Jordan faces accusations that he didn't do enough as a young assistant Ohio State University wrestling coach to halt alleged sexual misconduct by the team doctor. Jordan forcefully denies those accusations. Scalise has had to answer questions about his appearance years ago before a community group with ties to former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke.

To be sure, Democrats have their own struggles. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi wants to return as speaker if Democrats win a House majority; many in her party want new leadership. Republicans have been here before, in a chaotic period after conservatives forced John Boehner into early retirement in 2015, then denied McCarthy the votes to move into the top spot. Ryan was recruited to fill the leadership vacuum.

To shore up his conservative flank, McCarthy has pivoted closer to conservatives and is championing their issues, including legislation to pay for Trump's \$25 billion border wall.

If Republicans retain the GOP majority, Cole said he would be hard pressed to see Republicans walking away from McCarthy after all he's doing to keep the party in power. But if Republicans lose big, especially in the late-breaking California races, McCarthy's clout could diminish. The population of suburban Orange County, a longtime GOP stronghold, is shifting

like the rest of the state.

"They said it was impossible for the House Freedom Caucus to oust Boehner," said Noah Wall, a vice president at FreedomWorks,

the conservative advocacy group that is rallying for Jordan. "We don't claim there's anything but a long-shot, but we see several paths." □

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Chinese broadens its propaganda drive to heartland America

By JOSH FUNK

AP Business Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — China's propaganda machine has taken aim at American soybean farmers as part of its high-stakes trade war with the Trump administration.

The publication last month of a four-page advertising section in the Des Moines Register opened a new battle line in China's effort to break the administration's resolve. U.S. farmers are a key political constituency for Trump, and Beijing has imposed tariffs on American soybeans as retaliation for Trump's tariffs on hundreds of billions in Chinese imports.

China regularly disseminates propaganda in the West through its China Daily newspaper to try to influence public opinion. But the advertorial in the Register was unusual for deploying not a national publication in New York or Washington but a newspaper in the farm state of Iowa.

"It's the first time I've ever seen anything like this in a heartland city," said Matt Schrader, who edits the China Brief newsletter for the Jamestown Foundation, a Washington research institute that monitors China's actions.

The Iowa newspaper section was explicitly labeled a product of China Daily, China's official English language newspaper. The articles were clearly geared to try to soften the image of China and its president, Xi Jinping. With headlines ranging from "Dispute: Fruit of a president's folly" and



This Friday, Oct. 19, 2018, photo shows a copy of the four-page advertising section Chinawatch along with a copy of The Des Moines Register in Des Moines, Iowa.

Associated Press

"Book tells of Xi's fun days in Iowa" to Kung Fu skill helps light up life path" and "China seeks pacts on robotics," the message was a not-very-subtle one about the friendly way Beijing wants to be seen in the farm belt. Ken Doctor, a longtime media analyst, noted that newspapers have been struggling to replace revenue lost from declining subscriptions and print advertisements moving online. He suggested that when publications run propaganda like the "China Watch" sections, they should take care to be fully explicit about the source.

"I'd like to see newspapers that run this include an editor's note to be transparent about what this is," said Doctor, who runs the News-

onomics website.

Many experts say they doubt the propaganda drive in the United States will likely succeed. Chinese officials are used to operating at home, where the central government controls all major media outlets. "U.S. farmers and manufacturers are smart enough to understand their self-interest," said Elizabeth Economy of the Council on Foreign Relations. "They don't need a Chinese newspaper insert to tell them how to think about the relationship between tariffs and their exports to China."

Stanley Chao, a business consultant who has written a book called "Selling to China," said it's not entirely surprising that China would try to take its trade argu-

ments directly to American farmers, whose crops have been hit by Beijing's retaliatory tariffs.

"This is the norm for the Chinese propaganda machine," Chao said.

Chao noted that when a Chinese dissident won the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize — chosen by the Norwegian Nobel Committee and an embarrassment for Beijing — China responded by placing propaganda ads in Scandinavian newspapers. In addition to its connection to the tariffs China imposed on American soybeans and other crops, Iowa is also home to Terry Branstad, a former governor of the state who is now the U.S. ambassador to Beijing. And in the past, President Xi has visited Iowa,

whose caucuses serve as the first contest in every presidential election year.

Trump tweeted a photo of the "China Watch" edition that ran in the Register, calling it propaganda and asserting that Beijing was trying to interfere in U.S. elections.

Chinese officials defended the advertising section and said it didn't violate any U.S. laws. Geng Shuang, a spokesman for the foreign ministry, said the Chinese government doesn't interfere in other countries' internal affairs or elections.

"I think there has been a long-standing effort to influence Americans across the United States," said Sarah Cook, a research analyst with the Freedom House watchdog group. "Just this particular form of influence — the China Watch paid supplement — may only be appearing in places like Iowa now."

Other countries, like Saudi Arabia and Taiwan, typically hire public relations firms and place ads to try to improve their images, in contrast to China's more direct approach of placing ads in newspapers or posting videos online. The 2016 elections brought attention to foreign influence after U.S. intelligence agencies concluded that Russia had meddled in the elections. Federal prosecutors have charged a Russian firm with interfering through bogus Facebook posts.

It's not yet clear whether or how much Beijing will continue to try to shape public sentiment in the farm belt states. □

6 shot on street near north Fla. stadium before NFL game

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)

— Six people have been wounded in a street shooting blocks from the Florida stadium where the NFL's Houston Texans played and defeated the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday afternoon, authorities said. Ron Lendvay, director of investigations for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, said several shots rang out about 12:35 p.m. Sunday on a boulevard in the stadium's general area and that five men and one woman were hit by gunfire. All were rushed to hospitals, and the sheriff's office tweeted that three of the victims were in critical condition. The victims ranged in age from their 20s to the 70s, according to Lendvay.

The shooting broke out before the scheduled 1 p.m. start of play. Lendvay reported no link to the game, which went on without incident, and said investigators were investigating whether it was gang-related.

The Texans won their fourth consecutive game Sunday, defeating the Jaguars 20-7 to take a one-game lead in the AFC South at the stadium, TIAA Bank Field.

Local media reports cited authorities as saying the shooting had had no impact on game day activities though some fans headed to the game reported hearing the gunfire.

Lendvay told reporters that a shooter fired from the passenger side of a gray, four-door sedan driven by a companion and that the victims were hit outside on the sidewalk near a laundromat. He said the car immediately drove off and that detectives had been checking surveillance video in hopes of identifying the vehicle and those involved.

"There were at least two people in the car," Lendvay said. He added that investigators didn't know if any others were in the car and he didn't rule out the possibility of other shooters elsewhere.

"This may be gang-related based on information obtained in the early stages of the investigation," he told reporters Sunday, declining to elaborate.

Some fans told local broadcast outlet New4Jax that they heard shots as they headed to the stadium.

"We had just parked our cars," Vanessa Holmes told the new outlet, adding she and some family members were walking when it happened. "We heard the shots. We didn't know if we should fall to the ground. We didn't know what to do," she said.

Others told the broadcast outlet that they saw people running out of the coin laundry business when the

shots were fired.

Some said it was a series of shots.

"We were over there talking and suddenly, it was like ten gunshots. We ran and went for cover and then I saw the police, and people were crowding down there," a woman identified as Yvonne Lee told News-4Jax.

An update on the conditions of the wounded wasn't immediately available late Sunday and they were not identified by name.

"A couple of them were in very serious condition on their arrival at the hospital," Lendvay said. He added that five of the wounded



Jacksonville Fire and Rescue personnel use chemicals and hoses to clean the blood outside the Maytag Coin Laundry on A Philip Randolph Boulevard, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018, in Jacksonville, Fla., after a street shooting earlier in the day, several blocks away from TIAA Bank Field where the Jacksonville Jaguars and Houston Texans played an NFL football game.

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were rushed by paramedics for emergency care and the sixth by private vehicle.

He said authorities have been unable to immediately determine whether there was any relationship

among the wounded, noting none could be immediately interviewed though authorities hoped to do so later.

"It's hard to say if they are all associated or not," he added. □



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Jordan cancels part of peace agreement with Israel

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AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Jordan's King Abdullah II on Sunday said he has decided not to renew parts of his country's landmark peace treaty with Israel.

Abdullah released a statement that he intends to pull out of two annexes from the 1994 peace agreement that allowed Israel to lease two small areas, Baqura and Ghamr, from the Jordanians for 25 years. The leases expire next year, and the deadline for renewing them is Thursday.

The lands were leased to Jewish farmers early last century, but then became part of Jordan after the kingdom gained independence in 1946.

Baqura, in the northern Jordan Valley, was captured



In this Feb. 28, 2018 file photo, Jordan's King Abdullah II arrives to attend India Jordan business meeting in New Delhi, India.

Associated Press

by Israel in 1950. Ghamr, near Aqaba in southern Jordan, was seized in the 1967 Mideast War.

Under their peace agreement, Jordan agreed to grant Israeli farmers and

military officers free access to the enclave.

Abdullah said he informed Israel of his decision. "We are practicing our full sovereignty on our land," he said. "Our priority in these

regional circumstances is to protect our interests and do whatever is required for Jordan and the Jordanians." Abdullah did not give a reason for his decision, but he has faced escalating domestic pressure to end the lease and return the territories to full Jordanian control. Last week, demonstrators demanding an end to Israeli ownership of the lands marched in Jordan's capital of Amman last week.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that "Jordan reserved the right to receive the territory," but said he expected to enter negotiations with Jordan "about the possibility of extending the existing agreement."

Netanyahu said the "ac-

cord as a whole is an important thing," and called the peace deals with Jordan and Egypt "anchors of regional stability." He spoke at a memorial for the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who signed the peace deal with Jordan.

Israel's former ambassador to Jordan, Oded Eran, said he was not surprised by Jordan's decision, and said there was still time for the two countries to re-negotiate the agreement. He dismissed the possibility that Jordan might pull out of other parts of the broader peace treaty.

"For its own interests, the continuation of the adherence to the peace treaty is in Jordan's interest as indeed it is in the interest of Israel," Eran added. □



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Most UK firms to trigger Brexit safety plans 'by Christmas'



British Prime Minister Theresa May walks off the podium after a media conference during an EU summit in Brussels, Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018.

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By PAN PYLAS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The vast majority of British firms are poised to implement their Brexit contingency plans by Christmas if there isn't greater clarity over the country's exit from the European Union, a leading business group warned

Sunday.

The Confederation of British Industry said these plans could include cutting jobs, adjusting supply chains outside the U.K., stockpiling goods and relocating production and services overseas.

The warning comes amid growing fears that Britain

may crash out of the EU in March without a deal on the future relationship. That could see tariffs placed on British exports, border checks reinstalled, and restrictions imposed travelers and workers — a potentially toxic combination for businesses.

"The situation is now urgent," said Carolyn Fairbairn, the CBI's director general. "The speed of negotiations is being outpaced by the reality firms are facing on the ground."

Discussions between the two sides have hit an impasse largely over how to maintain an open border between EU member Ireland and Northern Ireland, which is part of the United Kingdom.

A summit of EU leaders last week failed to yield a breakthrough. □



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Polish populists lead local votes, support down

By MONIKA SCISLOWSKA

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) —

The governing populist party, which has repeatedly clashed with European Union institutions, was the top vote winner in local elections Sunday, according to an exit poll, but it was headed to lower support than it got in Poland's 2015 parliamentary elections.

The Ipsos survey said that in lower level elections for provincial assemblies, the ruling conservative Law and Justice party received the highest backing, with 32.3 percent. In the 2015 national elections it had almost 38 percent support.

Party leader Jaroslaw Kaczynski said it was a "good result that bodes well for the future. It's a good sign." But he stressed that the exit poll result might differ from the official returns expected Tuesday or Wednesday. In many ways it was a disappointing showing for the party, which has at times received more than 40 percent support in opinion polls.

Its drop in support comes despite generous government handouts and a booming economy and it suggests some Poles do not like the constant tensions with the EU, which has condemned an overhaul of the justice system by Law and Justice, calling it a systematic threat to the rule of law and inconsistent with democratic European values.

Opposition supporters said they hope this is a sign the tide is turning. Some com-



The candidate for Warsaw mayor for the pro-European Union Civic Platform party, Rafal Trzaskowski, with his son Stasio, check voting lists in local elections that were the test of support for the ruling right-wing Law and Justice party, in Warsaw, Poland, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018.

Associated Press

mentators also suggested that this indicates the ruling party will not be able to win majority support in Poland and will have to find a way to coexist with the opposition.

A pro-EU opposition candidate won Warsaw's mayoral race outright in the first round, according to the exit poll. Rafal Trzaskowski, a former European lawmaker and member of the Civic Platform party, garnered 51.4 percent support, which would mean he would become Warsaw

mayor without having to take part in a Nov. 4 runoff. Trzaskowski, whose party governed Poland for eight years before Law and Justice came to power in 2015, ran against the ruling party's candidate, Deputy Justice Minister Patryk Jaki. Jaki had attracted attention by heading a special commission for reversing housing decisions by the city's Town Hall under Civic Platform.

In Gdansk, one of the sons of democracy icon Lech Walesa, Jaroslaw Walesa,

had a disappointing result, only taking third place, and leaving two others to face off in the runoff Nov. 4. Lech Walesa, the founder of the Solidarity movement that confronted the communist regime in the 1980s, voted wearing a T-shirt with the word "Konstytucja" — or constitution — a popular sign of opposition to the ruling party.

Sunday's elections were the first nationwide test of support for Law and Justice since it gained control of the national government.

Its policies have produced street protests and repeated clashes with EU leaders. Nationwide turnout was 51.3 percent, higher than in 2014, according to the exit poll, which questioned voters as they were leaving polling stations in 1,160 locations across Poland.

The election was for offices ranging from city mayors to village councilors. Law and Justice party was hoping to strengthen its firm grip on power, which has been buoyed by handing out social benefits and questioning how much authority the EU should have over member nations.

Campaigning targeted Poland's largest cities — such as Warsaw, Poznan, Krakow, Wroclaw and Gdansk — which are traditionally pro-EU, and where the opposition is in control of local governments.

In Warsaw, in a rare sight, voters had to stand in lines at many voting stations to get their ballots. They said voter mobilization was very high in the race between the EU-skeptic and pro-EU main political forces.

"I have never seen so many people voting, this is a good thing. The question is will this be enough for (pro-EU Civic) Platform to keep power" in Warsaw, Aneta Benedyk said as she stood in line in southern Warsaw. Poland's local elections kick off a string of crucial votes that include the European Parliament vote in May, the national parliament vote in the fall of 2019 and Poland's presidential election in the spring of 2020. □

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Deadly attack amid Ebola outbreak stalls containment efforts

By AL-HADJI KUDRA MALIRO
CARA ANNA

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Congolese rebels killed 15 civilians and abducted a dozen children in an attack at the epicenter of the latest deadly Ebola outbreak, Congo's military said Sunday, as the violence again forced crucial virus-containment efforts to be suspended.

"It will be very hard to stop the outbreak if this violence continues," said the World Health Organization's emergencies chief, Peter Salama.

A regional WHO official told The Associated Press that it was difficult to say how long work would be affected.

Confirmed Ebola cases have reached 202 in this outbreak, including 118 deaths.

Allied Democratic Forces rebels attacked Congolese army positions and several neighborhoods of Beni on Saturday and into Sunday, Capt. Mak Hazukay Mongha told the AP. The U.N. peacekeeping mission said its troops exchanged fire with rebels in Beni's Mayangose area.

Angry over the killings, residents carried four of the bodies to the town hall, where police dispersed them with tear gas. While some health workers took refuge in a local hospital, the protesters destroyed a number of government buildings and blocked all traffic, Congo's health ministry said.

Vehicles of aid organizations and the U.N. mission were pelted with stones, the U.N.-backed Radio Okapi reported.

The ADF rebels have killed



In this photo taken Friday, Oct 5, 2018, family members and onlookers mourn over the bodies of civilian killed by The Allied Democratic Forces rebels in Beni, Eastern Congo.

Associated Press

hundreds of civilians in recent years and are just one of several militias active in Congo's far northeast.

Another deadly attack last month in Beni forced the suspension of Ebola-containment efforts for days, complicating work to track suspected contacts of infected people. Since then, many of the new confirmed Ebola cases have been reported in Beni, and the rate of new cases overall has more than doubled, alarming aid groups.

Health efforts in recent weeks had started to show results, and this new attack "will bring us back," Dr. Michel Yao, WHO's incident manager for Ebola in North Kivu province, told the AP. Work in Beni was suspend-

ed on Sunday and "tomorrow, we don't know yet," Yao said, noting that the burials of victims can be tense. "We understand. We are sympathetic. It's not easy to lose relatives. At the same time, it could affect the (outbreak) response." The attack came after two medical agents with the Congolese army were shot dead by another rebel group — the first time health workers have been killed in this outbreak.

Congo's health minister called it a "dark day" for everyone fighting Ebola. Mai Mai rebels surged from the forest and opened fire on the unarmed agents with the army's rapid intervention medical unit outside Butembo city, the

health ministry said. Health workers in this outbreak, declared on Aug. 1, have described hearing gunshots daily, operating under the armed escort of U.N. peacekeepers or Congolese security forces and ending work by sundown to lower the risk of attack. Community resistance is also a problem, and Congo's health ministry has reported "numerous aggressions" against health workers. Early this month, two Red Cross volunteers were severely injured in a confrontation with wary residents in a region traumatized by decades of fighting and facing an Ebola outbreak for the first time. "Our agents will continue to go into the field each day

to fulfill the mission entrusted to them," Health Minister Oly Ilunga said. "They are true heroes, and we will continue to take all necessary measures so that they can do their job safely."

On Wednesday, WHO said it was "deeply concerned" by the outbreak but that it does not yet warrant being declared a global emergency. An outbreak must be "an extraordinary event" that might cross borders, requiring a coordinated response. Confirmed cases have been found near the heavily traveled border with Uganda.

In the latest example of the rumors that pose another serious challenge to containing the virus, the health ministry said 22 young people in Butembo dug up an Ebola victim and opened the body bag to verify that health workers had not taken organs from the body.

They ended up touching highly infectious bodily fluids, the ministry said. "The next day, they agreed to be vaccinated," joining the more than 20,000 people who have received vaccinations so far. □





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One of Taiwan's fastest trains derails, killing at least 18

By RALPH JENNINGS

DONGSHAN TOWNSHIP,
Taiwan (AP) —

One of Taiwan's fastest passenger trains derailed Sunday on a curve along a popular weekend route, killing at least 18 people and injuring more than 170 others, authorities said.

The Puyuma express was carrying more than 360 passengers from a suburb of Taipei in the north to Taitung, a city on Taiwan's southeast coast, when it went off the tracks shortly before 5 p.m., the government said in a statement.

There was no immediate word on the cause of the accident.

Most of the deaths were in the first car, and it was unclear whether other people were trapped in the train, according to a government spokesman, who spoke on the customary condition of anonymity.

Some passengers were crushed to death, Ministry of National Defense spokesman Chen Chung-chi said.

"Their train car turned over. They were crushed, so they



This photo released by Military News Agency shows a general view at the site of a train derailment in Lian in northern Taiwan on Sunday, Oct. 21 2018.

Associated Press

died right away," Chen said.

Earlier, the government put the death toll as high as 22, but the National Fire Agency, citing the Cabinet spokesman's office, later reduced that figure and blamed a miscalculation.

Photos from the scene just south of the city of Luodong showed the train's cars in a zig-zag formation near the tracks. Five cars were

turned on their sides.

Local television reports said passengers tried to escape through windows and that bystanders gathered to help them before rescuers arrived.

Hours after the accident, one of the eight cars was seen tipped over at about a 75-degree angle, with the entire right side destroyed. Fearing people may be trapped beneath the car,

firefighters with lights on their hard hats peered underneath as a crane prepared to upend it. The firefighters were joined by soldiers and Buddhist charity workers who gathered on both sides of the tracks.

Soldiers removed bodies to identify them, but nightfall complicated the rescue work.

On a live feed provided by Taiwan's United Daily News,

rescuers could be seen carrying what appeared to be a body wrapped in white plastic away from the site.

At the scene, searchers walked through an upright car with flashlights. The search-and-rescue work was to continue until early Monday to make sure everyone aboard was accounted for, Premier William Lai told reporters shortly after midnight.

"The underlying cause should be investigated to the maximum extent to avoid anything like this happening in the future," Lai said. "We will make the whole thing transparent."

Ensuring that rail traffic goes back to normal is also a priority, he said.

Most people who were seriously hurt suffered head injuries and one was bleeding internally, said Lin Chih-min, deputy director of Luodong Boai Hospital, where four people were in intensive care. The hospital had treated 65 people total. The wreck happened at a railway station called Hsin Ma, but the train was not scheduled to stop there. □



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A ragged, growing army of migrants resumes march toward US

By MARK STEVENSON

Associated Press

TAPACHULA, Mexico (AP)

— A ragged army of Honduran migrants streamed through southern Mexico on Sunday heading toward the United States, after making an end-run around Mexican agents who briefly blocked them at the Guatemalan border.

They received help at every turn from sympathetic Mexicans who offered food, water and clothing. Hundreds of locals driving pickups, vans and cargo trucks stopped to let them clamber aboard.

Besi Jaqueline Lopez of the Honduran city of San Pedro Sula carried a stuffed polar bear in a winter cap that seemed out of place in the tropical heat. It's the favorite — and only — toy of her two daughters, 4-year-old Victoria and 3-year-old Elisabeth, who trudged beside her gleaming with sweat.

A business administration graduate, Lopez said she couldn't find work back home and hopes to reach the United States, but would stay in Mexico if she could find employment here.

"My goal is to find work for a better future for my daughters," she said.

In dozens of interviews along the journey, they have said they are fleeing widespread violence, poverty and corruption in Honduras.

Guatemala's migration agency confirmed that another group of about 1,000 migrants crossed into the country from Honduras on Sunday.



A Honduras migrant looks over the Suchiate River, which separates Mexico, right, and Guatemala, left, as he stands on a bridge covered by drying clothes in Tecun Uman, Guatemala, at sunrise Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018, near Mexico's Ciudad Hidalgo.

Associated Press

After praising Mexico for its no-nonsense response when police at a southern border bridge pushed the migrants back with riot shields and pepper spray, U.S. President Donald Trump again hammered Democratic Party opponents over what he apparently sees as a winning issue for Republicans a little over two weeks ahead of midterm elections.

After blaming the Democrats for "weak laws" on immigration a few days earlier, Trump said via Twitter: "The Caravans are a disgrace to the Democrat party. Change the immigration laws NOW!"

"Full efforts are being made to stop the onslaught of illegal aliens from crossing our Souther (sic) Border," he said in another tweet. "People have to apply for

asylum in Mexico first, and if they fail to do that, the U.S. will turn them away. The courts are asking the U.S. to do things that are not doable!"

Hundreds of migrants from the caravan did just that — applied for refugee status in Mexico in the southern city of Ciudad Hidalgo.

But a far bigger group forded the Suchiate River from Guatemala to the Mexican side individually and dozens at a time, and resumed the trek at first light, marching 10 abreast on the highway.

"Si se pudo!" they chanted in Spanish — "Yes, we could!"

The throng grew even larger than when the migrants arrived at the border bridge Friday, swelling overnight to 5,000 or so.

It was not immediately

clear where the additional travelers came from since about 2,000 had been gathered on the Mexican side Saturday night. But people have been joining and leaving the caravan daily, some moving at their own pace and strung out in a series of columns.

Their destination Sunday was the city of Tapachula in Chiapas state. Under a blazing sun, small groups of 20 to 30 paused to rest in the shade of trees on the side of the road, and by afternoon the caravan had evolved into long lines of walkers straggling for miles. Jesus Valdivia, of Tuxtla Chico, Mexico, was one of the many who pulled his pickup truck over to let 10 or even 20 migrants hop in at a time, sometimes causing vehicles' springs to groan under the weight.

"You have to help the next person. Today it's for them, tomorrow for us," Valdivia said, adding that he was getting a valuable gift from those he helped: "From them we learn to value what they do not have."

Passing freight trucks were quickly boarded by dozens of migrants, and straining tuk-tuks carried as many as a half-dozen.

Brenda Sanchez of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, who rode in Valdivia's truck with three nephews ages 10, 11 and 19, expressed gratitude to "God and the Mexicans who have helped us." She even had kind words for Mexican police: "We are very grateful to them because even though they closed the doors to us (at the border), they are coming behind us taking care of us."

Federal police monitored the caravan's progress from a helicopter and had a few units escorting it. Outside Tapachula, about 500 black-uniformed officers briefly gathered along the highway on buses and in patrol units, but they said their orders were to maintain traffic and not to stop the caravan. They moved on toward the city before the caravan reached them.

As the migrants passed through villages on the outskirts of Ciudad Hidalgo, locals applauded, shouted encouragement and donated supplies.

Maria Teresa Orellana, a resident of Lorenzo, handed out sandals. "It's solidarity," she said. "They're our brothers." □

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Happy Island Miracles in Pictures & Words

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Federico Cabello Alvarez

Books, they can shake your world upside down. A good book is changing your mood like that perfect vacation spot that energizes your spirit. Put these two together and what you get is a vacation book, a

memory of that wonderful, heavenly place where you spent your valuable leisure time.

Aruba Today dived into a local book store and wondered which Aruba books

thrill the visitor's mind. Sylvia Wouters, store manager at Bruna Book Store, gladly helped us out and informed us about a small selection of Happy Island Miracles in pictures and words.

Aruba Point to Point by Federico Cabello

"Beautiful pictures of Aruba, this is a perfect cof-

fee table book to dream away with", explains Sylvia. The book has 192 full color pages and more than 400 photos in a landscape format of 9.1 x 6.6 x 1.1 inches. In the words of the author: "Slipping beyond a dynamic tourist industry to discover its wild and undeveloped beauty. Starting at the extreme north of the island, at California Lighthouse, I travel south along pristine beaches of white sand and calm, translucent seas, passing hotels, sailboats and shipwrecks as I go. At the southern tip, it is hard not to wish that the island would never end. Then back up the rocky East coast, where time and the eternal embrace of the waves have opened secret bays and stunning beaches in the shelter of rock walls. From beach to beach, point to point, cave to cliff to boat to bird, Aruba truly is... One Happy Island."

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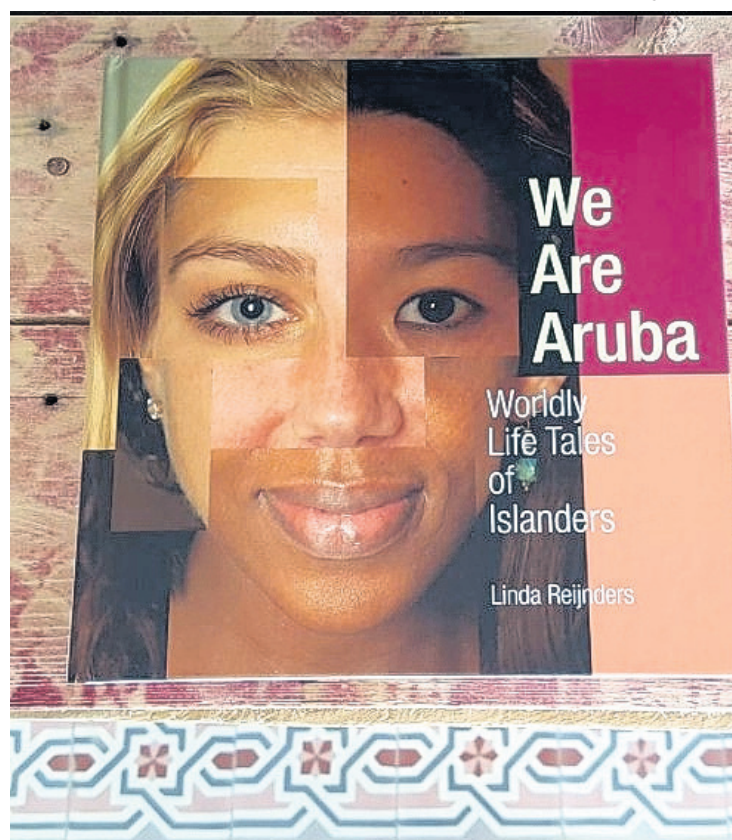
Aruba is. A world within an island, a cocktail of people. The book is visibly enriched with a picture of each interviewed immigrant and an image of her/his country as well as a map with the country's location. In the back you will find a list with all nationalities living in the island and their numbers.

Aruba Monuments Guide by Michel Bakker and Olga van der Klooster

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Hotel Hustle

Column by: Shanella Pantophlet

The Friday wars

Anyone who has ever watched a Garfield cartoon can remember is favorite line: "I hate Mondays", why did he, a cat, without a job or any responsibilities hate Mondays so much? Simply put, because anything that could go wrong did go wrong on Monday. In the case of timeshare resorts, with specific check in days such as Saturday, we tend to hate the day before our check in day.

At our resort our check in day is Saturday and over the course of the years I've been working here I've noted that Friday is always the most stressful day of the entire week. Whenever we think have everything under control there is a last minute wrench in the plans. My colleagues and I even joke about the jinx of a good Friday, which usually means something ominous is going to happen on the Saturday.

We almost breathe a sigh of relief when a guest unexpectedly shows up in the wrong week or a year ahead of their scheduled check in (that has happened an unusual amount of times over the last 4 years!) and it gives us something to have to fix. I've found that it doesn't matter how hard we work, how much information we gather during the week, how well coordinated and prepared we are, there is no combating vacation brain.

Vacation brain is our greatest enemy, this condition usually features our guests forgetting to mention things to us, such as the fact they will be checking out and sending a guest for their following week or that they are staying with friends in another room the following week. We don't usually get this information until we have finished up all our assignments and sent in everything to the front desk and housekeeping so that they have the completed lists.

At that stage all you can do is laugh through the frustration, make the necessary changes and send your third correction email to all departments again and hope it is the last time you have to make a change. As much as I thought this was a phenomenon isolated to our hotel or our members, in speaking to colleagues from other resorts, it turns out it is quite a common issue, which none of us have found a solution to yet.

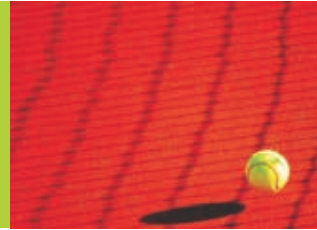
We often trade tips on methods we have tried to remediate the situation such as announcements in our newsletters, posts on our social media pages and even being as specific as possible during members meetings about providing us timely information. The only thing that has seemed to work has been making notes of these events and reviewing past reservations to try and predict the future pattern.

It is a hit or miss method as sometimes our guests can surprise you, but so far it has been the most effective combatant against vacation brain. At the end of a long Friday we are all happy to pack it up for the day and use our weekends to prepare for the battle of the following week. One day I do believe us reservations agents will win the war against Fridays!



Aruban born and bred Shanella Pantophlet is passionate about tourism. That is the world she studied and works in, so we might as well call her a specialist. Luckily for Aruba Today Shanella also loves to write. And together with the fact that the majority of our readers are tourists, we found ourselves a perfect combination for a column: Hotel Hustle.

SPORTS



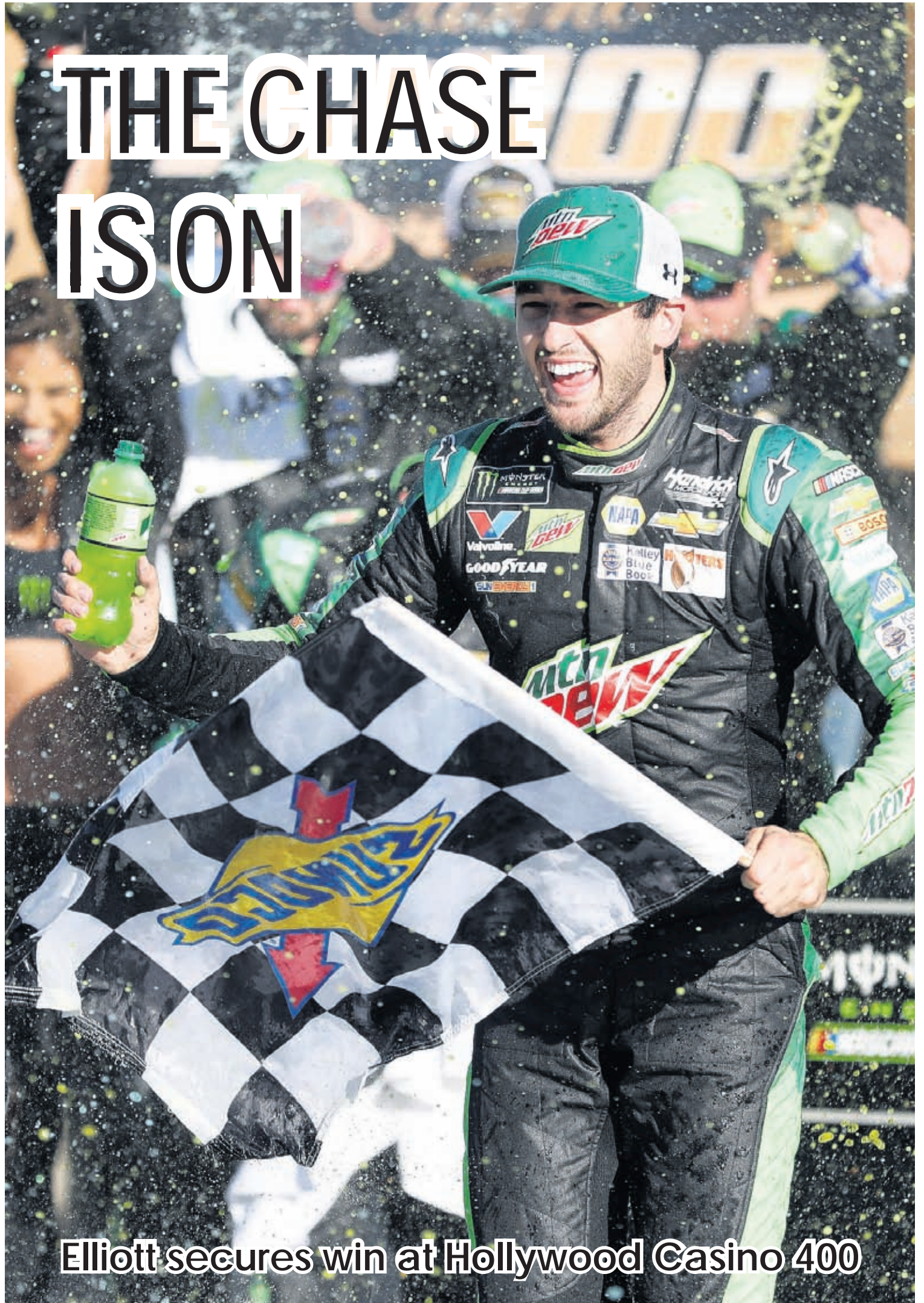
Brooks Koepka of the United States reacts after his shot on the 16th hole during the final round of the CJ Cup PGA golf tournament at Nine Bridges on Jeju Island, South Korea, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018.

Brooks Koepka has golf's top ranking with win in S.Korea

JEJU ISLAND, South Korea (AP) — Brooks Koepka is golf's new No. 1 after winning the CJ Cup at Nine Bridges on Sunday by four strokes. Koepka, who displaced Dustin Johnson for the world's top ranking, shot a final-round 8-under 64 for a 21-under total of 267. Koepka, who had never held the top ranking, led by four strokes after three rounds. "To be No. 1 is something I've dreamed of as a kid," Koepka said. "I don't think this one is going to sink in." Gary Woodland certainly made it interesting. Woodland started the day five strokes behind Koepka, who was only 1-under after nine, but Woodland pulled level after making six birdies in seven holes on the front nine. The two dueling on the back nine, with Woodland birdieing 15 and 16 to again pull level. But Koepka did the same, and a bogey by Woodland on the par-3 17th gave Koepka the cushion he needed to close out the win despite a birdie on the 18th by Woodland.

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THE CHASE IS ON



Elliott secures win at Hollywood Casino 400

Chase Elliott celebrates winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan., Sunday, Oct 21, 2018.

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NBA suspends Ingram, Rondo, Paul in Lakers-Rockets dustup

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lakers teammates Brandon Ingram and Rajon Rondo and Chris Paul of the Rockets were suspended without pay Sunday for an on-court fight, with Paul taking the heaviest financial hit.

Ingram was suspended four games, Rondo will sit out three games and Paul two games. The NBA handed down the punishments a day after the incident in the fourth quarter at Staples Center.

The penalty was costliest to Paul, who was fined a total of \$491,782. Paul is president of the NBA Players' Association. He began serving his suspension Sunday night and wasn't at the arena when the Rockets played the Clippers. Rondo will be docked a total of \$186,207, while Ingram's total is \$158,816.

Houston coach Mike D'Antoni disagreed with the severity of Paul's penalty.

"It's just not equitable," he said. "If you wanted to suspend him one (game) I get it, just to make a statement. Then you're talking monetarily, he's paying three times more than the other guys are paying for missing games? That doesn't seem to be right."

Ingram and Rondo will start their suspensions Monday night when the Lakers host the San Antonio Spurs.

The league said Ingram was suspended for aggressively escalating the altercation and throwing a punch in the direction of Paul, confronting referee Jason Phillips in a hostile manner, and instigating the overall incident by shoving Rockets guard James Harden.

Eric Gordon, who started in place of Paul against the Clippers, defending his teammate, saying, "If somebody is attacking you, you got to somewhat protect yourself."

Rondo has been suspended for instigating a physical altercation with Paul, and spitting and throwing multiple punches at the Rockets

star. Paul was suspended for poking at and making contact Rondo's face and throwing multiple punches at him.

"What is he supposed to do? Just stand there and get spit on and then take a punch in the face and say, 'Well, that's OK,'" said D'Antoni, who called Rondo's spitting "pretty disgusting."

"In the heat of the moment when somebody does that, that's tough, that's really tough," D'Antoni said.

The Rockets led 109-108 with 4:13 remaining when Ingram fouled Harden and then shoved him and confronted Phillips after getting a technical foul.

Ingram, Paul and Rondo were all ejected. Houston won 124-115, spoiling the Lakers' home debut for LeBron James.

Harden didn't speak to reporters before Sunday night's game.

"We don't want this to happen again," said NBA executive vice president Kiki VanDeWeghe, who handed down the penalties. "(We are) sending a clear message that this is not acceptable behavior and you cannot do this. So in this particular instance, the multiple-game suspensions are pretty severe both to their teams and financially to the players."

The suspension to Ingram is the longest for an on-court incident since April 2012, when Metta World Peace of the Lakers received seven games. World Peace elbowed Harden, who was then playing for Oklahoma City, in a game also at Staples Center to earn that penalty, the irony being Harden is the one who Ingram fouled to start Saturday's fracas.

There have been longer suspensions in recent years, but none for an on-court altercation than what Ingram got.

"We have so few of these and we're very lucky in that regard," VanDeWeghe said. "This game is played with a lot of passion and it's

an aggressive game and obviously there is contact in the game. Our players play with a lot of respect for each other and for everybody else."

With Paul and Rondo, that hasn't always the case.

They have a history of raising the ire of the other, going back to at least 2009 during a Boston-New Orleans game. Rondo was with the Celtics and Paul with the Hornets when players from both sides had to get between the two point guards as tempers seemed to flare after a game where they got tangled up in the second quarter.

VanDeWeghe clearly indicated that Rondo did not



Houston Rockets' Chris Paul, second from left, is held back by Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James, left, as Paul fights with Lakers' Rajon Rondo, center obscured, during the second half of an NBA basketball game Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018, in Los Angeles. The Rockets won, 124-115.

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acknowledge spitting on Paul. "Rajon has his own view of what happened," VanDeWeghe said. "I think that we had a clear view

that, however you want to interpret it, that there was a spitting in Chris Paul's direction. I think I'm going to leave it at that." □

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Chargers withstand Titans' late rally, hold on for 20-19 win

By ZAC BOYER

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The Los Angeles Chargers' Adrian Phillips believes the Tennessee Titans made the right decision to go for a potential go-ahead 2-pointer with 31 seconds remaining — and not just because it failed.

Phillips broke up Marcus Mariota's pass attempt, the Titans' second after a defensive penalty on the first attempt, and the Chargers held on for a 20-19 victory on Sunday at Wembley Stadium.

It was the fourth consecutive victory for the Chargers (5-2), who weathered the absence of running back Melvin Gordon to a hamstring injury and relied upon their defense to pull out the win. "It was a great decision," Phillips said. "That's the game right there. If I'm the head coach, I go for it, too. You have the momentum. You just (went) 70 yards. You've got one of the biggest running backs in the game, one of the best running quarterbacks in the game and one of the best



Tennessee Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota (8), center, goes over for a touchdown which was later disallowed during the second half of an NFL football game against Los Angeles Chargers at Wembley stadium in London, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018.

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third-down running backs in the game — and a receiver corps that had been doing good all game — so why not?"

The Titans (3-4) drove 89 yards over the final 4:55 before Mariota's 1-yard pass to tight end Luke Stocker pulled them within one point.

Mariota, who went 24 for 32 for 237 yards with an interception, thought he had scored the touchdown himself.

With 40 seconds left, he ran 3 yards on a draw and stretched for the end zone, but replay showed that he was down inches shy of the goal line.

After Stocker scored, Mariota's first attempt was a pass intended for Tajae Sharp, an incompletion negated by a defensive holding call on the Chargers' Casey Hayward, and his second, toward Taywan Taylor, was tipped by Phillips.

"I loved the call," Mariota said. "I love that he has confidence in us to go make that. We just didn't execute."

Gordon entered the game third in the NFL in rushing with 466 yards and had scored a total of nine touchdowns this season, but was ruled out after an unsuccessful pregame workout.

Austin Ekeler, in his second season, earned his first start in Gordon's place and ran for 42 yards on 12 carries, but it was quarterback Philip Rivers who shouldered the burden for the Chargers.

Rivers, who completed 19 of 26 passes for 306 yards, threw two touchdown passes — one that went 75 yards to Tyrell Williams on Los Angeles' first play from scrimmage, and one that traveled 55 yards to Mike Williams to cap the first drive of the second half.

The Titans trailed 10-6 at halftime after two field goals by Ryan Succop.

After Mike Williams scored, the Titans ended their 10-quarter skid without a

touchdown when Derrick Henry ran 1 yard into the end zone with 9:43 left in the third quarter to pull within 17-13.

Michael Badgley made his second of two field goals, Succop missed from 51 yards and after holding Los Angeles, the Titans prepared their final charge.

Dion Lewis ran for 91 yards on 13 carries, including a 36-yard gain on the final drive that moved Tennessee into the Chargers' territory, and Tajae Sharpe had seven catches for a career-high 101 yards.

TEMPERS FLARE

Rivers and wide receiver Keenan Allen were shouting at each other and had to be held apart after an incompletion to Mike Williams in the end zone on third-and-7 early in the fourth quarter.

Allen, who had beaten Titans cornerback Logan Ryan on the play and was wide open, kicked a pylon in frustration before targeting Rivers.

"He ran a route so good that he felt like he needed the ball — and he should," Rivers said. "That's fine. At the same time, the coverage was going his way, so I went somewhere else. It's a passionate, emotional game. That won't be the last argument that any of us have on the sideline and I won't worry about it after 2 seconds."

A BAD DECISION

Inside linebacker Denzel Perryman handed Mariota the first red zone interception of his career at the Chargers 4-yard line with 30 seconds left in the first half. "That was a big mistake," Mariota said. "I should have moved onto my second read and maybe we would have had a shot."

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Los Angeles left tackle Russell Okung had his right fist raised during the anthem, but put it down before the start of "God Save The Queen."

INJURIES

Tennessee: Right guard Josh Kline was injured with 43 seconds remaining, was replaced by Corey Levin and did not return. □

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Chase Elliott wins for 2nd time in 3 NASCAR playoff races

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) —

Chase Elliott first had to figure out how to win at NASCAR's top level. Now that he's got that handled, the son of 1988 champion Bill Elliott is chasing a title of his own.

Elliott won at Kansas Speedway on Sunday for his second victory in three races, cementing himself as a title threat late in a season in which mighty Hendrick Motorsports has lagged. He needed 98 career starts and maybe a dozen near-misses before he finally closed out his first Cup victory.

The breakthrough victory 11 events ago sparked Elliott's performance in NASCAR's playoffs, the second round bookended by a pair of Elliott victories. Elliott opened the round with a win at Dover and closed it with the Kansas victory.

"We're going to keep the hammer down," Elliott said. "I feel like we are among those guys that you have to beat, and I think that is all you can ask for."

Elliott is the only Hendrick driver and single Chevrolet representative in the round of eight. Hendrick teammate Jimmie Johnson, a seven-time champion, was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs and Alex Bowman was knocked out Sunday.

Also eliminated Sunday were Team Penske teammates Ryan Blaney and Brad Keselowski, both winners in the first round of the playoffs, and Kyle Larson.

Larson needed to win to make it into the third round and was frantically chasing Elliott in the closing laps but settled for third. He was docked 10 points by NASCAR earlier this week for an infraction at Talladega, his

team lost two appeals of the penalty and he was in a must-win situation at Kansas.

"I'm actually glad that nothing stupid took us out of the playoffs this year — we had that battery come out at Dover a couple years ago, blew up an engine here last year," Larson said. "I would have liked to have made it into the next round, but I'm glad (elimination) wasn't anything other than just us not performing where we needed to be that kept us out of the next round."

Advancing into the third round of the playoffs were Elliott, Kyle Busch, Kurt Busch, Martin Truex Jr., Kevin Harvick, Clint Bowyer, Aric Almirola and Joey Logano.

Stewart-Haas Racing has all four of its cars in the round of eight and Ford has five of the slots. Toyota has two entrants in Kyle Busch and defending series champion Truex. Elliott is the only representative from Chevy and Hendrick, which has struggled this year with a new Camaro and a young driver lineup.

NASCAR's so-called "Big Three" of Harvick, Truex and Kyle Busch are still in the playoffs. Harvick, winner of the second stage Sunday, and Kyle Busch, the runner-up to Elliott, have looked like championship contenders all season. Truex has been hot in spurts but was fifth at Kansas, where he swept both races last season.

"This stuff is hard man. It shows how difficult it is you know to win both races here last year and run second in the spring and then come back trying to be better and struggle all day," Truex said.

Keselowski briefly flirted with a title run by reeling off three consecutive vic-



Chase Elliott (9) does a burnout after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan., Sunday, Oct 21, 2018.

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tories, but he ran out of gas last week when Talladega went into overtime and it crushed his momentum. He was sixth Sunday.

"We needed something to step up, but it just wasn't there," Keselowski said. "I am proud of what we did down the stretch of the year. We won three races ... but of course the ultimate goal is to win a championship and we won't have an opportunity to do that this year." Elliott has now taken over Keselowski's slot as a late challenger to the "Big Three."

"This is a huge time of year. We've got a lot of work to do and a long ways to go," Elliott said.

More from Kansas Speedway:

RULING EXPLAINED: One

of Bowyer's tires appeared to roll to the edge of his pit box during a late stop but he was not penalized for what many thought was a violation. Had Bowyer been penalized, it might have helped Blaney avoid elimination.

NASCAR said after the race Bowyer's tire was under control until it was brought inside the pit stall, and the rule states tires can cross into the adjacent pit boxes on the inside as long as they do not impede another car or go past the halfway point of the adjacent stall. Had a car been pitting in front of Bowyer, or if the tire had rolled past the pit stall number painted on the wall, it would have been a penalty.

ENGINE ISSUES: William By-

ron was knocked out of the race with an engine failure 55 laps into the race. A day earlier, Jamie McMurray had an engine failure during practice. Both engines are built by Hendrick Motorsports and neither driver is in the playoffs.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., a former Hendrick driver, opined in the NBC Sports broadcast booth what many wondered: The Hendrick engine department may have used Byron and McMurray's motors for research and development purposes.

UP NEXT: The opening race of the third round of the playoffs, at Martinsville Speedway on Sunday. Kyle Busch is the defending race winner, while Bowyer won at Martinsville earlier this year. □

Svitolina and Pliskova win opening matches at WTA Finals

SINGAPORE (AP) — Karolina Pliskova and Elina Svitolina secured opening round-robin match wins at the WTA Finals on Sunday. Pliskova, who now leads the tour with 48 wins this season, defeated defending champion Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark 6-2, 6-4 in the second match. Pliskova saved all 10 break points she faced in the match, including two when serving for the match in the final game. The Czech closed out the match on a third match point with an ace.

Earlier, Elina Svitolina of Ukraine ended a seven-match losing streak against Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic for a 6-3, 6-3 win. The seventh-ranked Svitolina, making her second consecutive appearance in Singapore, only earned qualification to this year's tournament last week when Dutchwoman Kiki Bertens failed to reach the Moscow semifinals. Later, Bertens made the final eight when No. 1-ranked Simona Halep withdrew with a herniated disk in her back.

"It's very nice to be back in Singapore and I'm very, very happy with the match tonight," Svitolina told the crowd. "I had to stay focused and be strong men-



Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic returns a shot from Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark during their match at the WTA tennis finals in Singapore, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018.

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tally. I had to play quickly and keep moving my feet so I need a massage now. "You have to play your best level because everybody is very strong playing here." Svitolina, who now holds a 1-0 record in the White Group, had only beaten Kvitova once before in their first match at the 2014 Cincinnati tournament. Sunday's victory was Svitolina's first win against a top-10 opponent since May. The Ukrainian player briefly

left the post-match news conference but later returned.

"I'm just not feeling good," said Svitolina after returning. A WTA spokesperson said Svitolina indicated she was feeling light-headed with slight nausea.

The fifth-ranked Kvitova, who won the year-end title in 2011, never looked settled and struggled with her serve throughout the 1 hour, 29 minutes match. Her first serve percentage

was only 55, which made the task of beating Svitolina near impossible.

She double-faulted seven times in the match, including on set point in the first for Svitolina. Six of Kvitova's seven double faults came in the first set.

"I think she really played very consistent," Kvitova said. "Overall, yeah, it wasn't the best start, but the good thing is that there is still a chance to play better and to improve, and

maybe go somewhere forward."

The Czech surrendered her serve in the opening game of the match but managed to recoup the break in the next game. But she was broken twice more in the first set to fall behind. Svitolina set up the second set win by breaking Kvitova's serve to go ahead 4-2. Svitolina said her win was an answer to any suggestions she didn't deserve to play here, having qualified so late for the draw.

"Winning this match definitely gives me lots of confidence," Svitolina said. "This win ... I want to take as one to go forward, and for all those people and haters that were saying that I don't deserve to be here and I'm not good."

Kvitova, who came into Singapore with a tour-leading five titles this season, and Wozniacki now stand at 0-1 in the White Group standings.

Wozniacki came into the late match with a 6-3 career record over Pliskova, including their last meeting in the round-robin portion of last year's WTA Finals. Wozniacki's best effort in the match was saving two match points on her serve in the ninth game of the second set. □



Brooks Koepka of the United States poses with his trophy after winning the CJ Cup PGA golf tournament at Nine Bridges on Jeju Island, South Korea, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018.

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Brooks Koepka
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The biggest moment came on the 16th. Koepka went from a fairway bunker to just left of the green, about 70 feet away. Koepka hit a chip-and-run that was

stopped by the pin and dropped for the birdie. Koepka finished in style with a 25-foot eagle putt on the 18th for a 29 on the back nine.

"I'm not somebody who's going to panic if things go

the wrong way," Koepka said of his slow start. "I felt like the one at 15 was quite big with Gary making a charge."

Woodland finished second after a 63. Ryan Palmer birdied his last seven holes to shoot a course-record 62 and finish in a tie for third place with Rafa Cabrera Bello (65), four strokes behind Koepka.

Woodland was happy with his final round, but looked back to a few missed birdie chances on Saturday.

"Brooks with the lead, not much fazes him," Woodland said. "So you knew you had to make a lot of birdies and I made a lot today. I was trying to put as much pressure as I could. But just shows I was too far back to start after not making too many putts yesterday. I gave myself a chance, I

was tied for the lead there. Brooks obviously just made some clutch shots down the stretch."

Palmer said he became more confident with each of his seven straight birdies on the back nine.

"The more I made, the more free I felt in my swing and I was able to hit some close," Palmer said. "I made some long putts coming down the stretch. Actually on 17, I looked at my scorecard, I was like, 'oh, that's six in a row.' It is kind of back there, but you don't think about it. What a special day."

Defending champion Justin Thomas, who could have prevented Koepka from moving to No. 1 with a repeat win, finished at 5-under after a 68 Sunday. Koepka is the third player this year to reach No. 1 for

the first time, joining Justin Rose and Thomas. The last time that happened was in 1997, when Ernie Els, Tom Lehman and Tiger Woods each rose to No. 1.

It was Koepka's 12th victory worldwide, including four wins on the European Challenge Tour. He now has won in six countries - the U.S., South Korea, Spain, Italy, Turkey and Scotland.

"Everything I've done this year it's been working. So I don't want to change anything," Koepka said. "Just keep improving."

"I'm so excited right now, you have no idea. I can't wait to go play again."

He'll get his chance soon. Next week the PGA Tour heads to Shanghai for the final stop on its Asian swing, the World Golf Championships-HSBC Championships. □

Dodgers-Red Sox: Rich histories, but little crossover

By **BEN WALKER**
AP Baseball Writer

Sandy Koufax, Jackie Robinson and the Boys of Summer. Ted Williams to Yaz and the Impossible Dream. Manny Ramirez. Pedro Martinez. Bill Buckner. Fenway Franks and Dodger Dogs. Ebbets Field, the Green Monster. "Sweet Caroline" or "I Love L.A." Yet for all their rich history — dating back to Babe Ruth on the mound — the Boston Red Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers have rarely crossed paths heading into this World Series. Only once before in October, and that was more than a century ago.

In fact, Clayton Kershaw has never even pitched at Fenway Park.

Consider this: Going into Game 1 on Tuesday night, the Dodgers have beaten the Red Sox in Boston just one time.

That came on June 12, 2004. And guess who scored and drove in a run for the Dodgers during that 14-5 romp?

Alex Cora, now the rookie manager of the Red Sox. One of his teammates that afternoon — Dave Roberts, ready to lead Los Angeles into its second straight Fall Classic.

"Two storied franchises, that draw more interest," Red Sox second baseman Ian Kinsler said Sunday.

Roberts is sure to draw a big cheer when the teams line up for pregame introductions. He's still a fan favorite in Boston for his daring stolen base that sparked an unprecedented comeback from a 3-0 deficit against Mariano Rivera and the rival Yankees in the 2004 AL Championship Series.

The Red Sox went on to end their 86-year title drought by sweeping St. Louis in the World Series, boosted by Big Papi, Pedro and Manny. Starting this week, Boston will try for its fourth championship in 15 seasons.

"I'm looking forward to going back to Fenway. Obviously for me personally, I have a lot of fond memories of the Red Sox and Fenway Park," Roberts said.

"To be wearing another uniform going in there playing for a World Series championship is going to be special for me."

doubt watchful eyes will be on the lefty ace. Los Angeles is aiming for its first championship since Kirk Gibson, Orel Hershiser and

It's been heard for years in Boston, albeit in a different arena. That's what Celtics fans echoed during the Larry Bird-Magic Johnson

went their own ways, on and off the field.

The Dodgers proudly broke baseball's color barrier when Jackie Robinson played in 1947. The Red Sox were the last team in the majors to have a black player, in 1959 with Pumpsie Green.

Decades later, the teams made history together. They drew an announced crowd of 115,300 — the largest ever for a baseball game — for an exhibition at the Coliseum in 2008 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Dodgers' move to Los Angeles.

Overall, the Red Sox are 8-7 against the Dodgers since interleague play began in 1997. Boston hasn't hosted LA since 2010, and the teams haven't squared off since 2016.

Not much crossover for these clubs, either.

Buckner was a young, fleet outfielder when he helped the Dodgers reach the 1974 World Series. He was a gimpy first baseman when he let that ball roll through his legs as Boston blew the 1986 Series.

Pedro Martinez began his big league career as a reliever with Los Angeles before becoming a dominant starter for Boston. Manny Ramirez was an eccentric slugger for the Red Sox who took his act to Man-nypwood out West. Nomar Garciaparra, Adrian Beltre and Rickey Henderson are among the stars who spent time with both teams. So has Dodgers starter Rich Hill — in 2015, the Boston-area native was pitching with the independent Long Island Ducks when he resurrected his career with the Red Sox. And there was that late-season trade six years ago that sent Adrian Gonzalez, Josh Beckett and Carl Crawford from Boston to Los Angeles in a huge salary dump.

Big names will be in the stands next week, too.

Matt Damon, Ben Affleck and a packed crowd bundled on a New England night, maybe. It could be in the upper 30s at Fenway, the oldest ballpark in the majors. □



Grounds crew members paint the World Series logo behind home plate at Fenway Park, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018, in Boston as they prepare for Game 1 of the baseball World Series between the Boston Red Sox and the Los Angeles Dodgers scheduled for Tuesday.

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This also marks the first time both Series managers have played for each team.

"The weather. Traffic," Cora said Sunday about the varying locales.

MVP candidate Mookie Betts and the Red Sox posted a team-record 108 wins, a big payoff for the team with the top payroll in the game. Boston pushed past New York in the AL Division Series and then quickly dispatched the defending champion Astros in the ALCS.

A tremendous right fielder, Betts might move to second base when the Series shifts to Dodger Stadium. That would be to make room for slugger J.D. Martinez when the Red Sox lose their designated hitter slot. Boston opened as a slight betting favorite over Los Angeles.

"That's the best team in the game right now. We respect that," Dodgers closer Kenley Jansen said. "But know that we're good."

Chris Sale is set to pitch the opener for the Red Sox. He recently spent a night in the hospital because of a stomach illness, and no

Tommy Lasorda brought home the crown in 1988.

A year after dropping Game 7 at home to Houston, Justin Turner and the crew with the third-highest payroll beat Colorado in a tiebreaker for the NL West title, chased Atlanta in the NLDS and topped Milwaukee 5-1 on Saturday night in Game 7 for the pennant.

"It doesn't matter how you get there. But to get to come back and go back from last year, it's unbelievable," Kershaw said. "Where we came from this year, it's a testament to these guys, man. It's a great group. We're excited."

New to the power-packed Dodgers this season is star shortstop Manny Machado, acquired in a July trade with Baltimore. Boston fans are plenty familiar with him — his late slide last year injured longtime Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia, and led to a tense situation at Fenway with Sale throwing behind Machado.

Soon as they see him, Red Sox rooters might even take up the familiar chant of "Beat LA!"

rivalry. Fitting, maybe, the former Lakers star is a part-owner of the Dodgers.

On the basketball court, Los Angeles and Boston are certainly intertwined with championships on the line, going all the way back to the days of Bill Russell, Elgin Baylor, Bob Cousy and Jerry West.

On the diamond, not so much for these formidable franchises.

They first tangled for real in the 1916 World Series. The Babe pitched all 14 innings — in a tidy 2 hours, 32 minutes — as Boston beat Brooklyn 2-1 in Game 2. Though Fenway opened four years earlier, the game was played at Braves Field, home of the city's NL franchise, because it held more people.

The Red Sox wound up winning in five games. Back then, the Dodgers weren't really the Dodgers. They were known by a collection of nicknames, and were often called the Robins because of popular manager Wilbert "Uncle Robbie" Robinson. And Ruth later coached for them.

Over the years, the teams

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What's next for Paul Allen's big investments? It's not clear

By SALLY HO and FRANK BAJAK

Associated Press
SEATTLE (AP) — Prior to his death on Monday, billionaire Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen invested large sums in technology ventures, research projects and philanthropy, some of it eclectic and highly speculative. What happens to those commitments now? Outside of bland assurances from his investment company, no one seems quite sure.

Allen died in Seattle from complications of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, according to his company Vulcan Inc. He was 65. He never married and had no children, and details of his estate aren't known. Forbes recently estimated Allen's net worth at \$20.3 billion. He used much of the money he made from Microsoft — whose Windows operating system



In this Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, file photo a portrait of Paul Allen stands on a wall at the Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering at the University of Washington in Seattle. **Associated Press**

is found on most of the world's desktop computers — for a "second act" as a sports-team owner, prolific investor and philanthropist after leaving the tech giant in 1983, when he resigned after being diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. Allen's technology interests ran a wide gamut, from

space travel and new energy sources to more conventional ventures such as Uber, Spotify and smaller companies focused on financial technology and artificial intelligence. Allen previously invested more than \$20 million in SpaceShipOne, the first privately financed and manned rocket to reach the edge of space (though not Earth orbit). It accomplished that feat in 2004.

One of Allen's more esoteric ventures is Stratolaunch, which is building an enormous twin-fuselage jet aircraft designed to launch satellites from high altitudes. The vehicle has yet to make its first flight, although the company hosted Vice President Mike Pence at its Mojave, California, hangar during a 2017 visit.

But Stratolaunch isn't commenting on its post-Allen future. A representative for the company declined comment, saying "now is the time to focus on Paul's life and allow his family and friends to grieve."

Vulcan likewise declined comment beyond this reassurance offered in a statement: "Paul thoughtfully addressed how the many institutions he founded and

supported would continue after he was no longer able to lead them." Company representatives declined to discuss specifics given his recent passing but said there are no imminent changes planned for the number of institutions and programs that Allen led and funded.

In the world of big-ticket philanthropy, meanwhile, it's rare for a foundation to have no obvious next-generation heirs, said Amir Pasic, dean of the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University.

"Clearly, there wasn't a pre-programmed plan to institute on day one after his passing," Pasic said.

Allen was tied to many high-profile endeavors, including commercial real estate work redeveloping Seattle's South Lake Union neighborhood for Amazon.com's urban campus, ownership of the NFL's Seattle Seahawks and the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers, and even funding underwater expeditions that made important shipwreck discoveries.

Around town, his legacy is etched on a portfolio of research institutes, museums, school buildings, endowments and programs. Allen over his lifetime had given more than \$2 billion to efforts aimed at improving education, science, technology, conservation and communities. He tackled climate change, advanced brain research and supported his native Seattle through funding for homelessness services and cultural institutions.

Allen was a strong backer of Bill Gates and Warren Buffett's "Giving Pledge" to donate the majority of their wealth to charity, said Jon Lazarus, a friend of Allen's for more than three de-

acades who collaborated with him on a number of technology projects. Allen's "tactical" investments in brain science and artificial intelligence research, where he provided guidance as well as money, were particularly notable, Lazarus said. Allen specified that the results of the brain research, for example, should remain publicly available.

Allen's sister, Jody Allen, co-founded their 30-year-old Paul G. Allen Family Foundation. She's listed as its director and president on the private nonprofit foundation's latest IRS tax filing from the 2016 fiscal year, which indicates it held net assets worth \$756 million, much of it from investments.

The next step is for the board to vote on a new chairman and any changes to the endowment or structure are likely to appear in the next month or so, which could be very significant in terms of direction and approach, said Jacob Harold, president of Guidestar, an organization that evaluates nonprofits.

"Paul Allen had some very creative philanthropy that's somewhat nontraditional," Harold said. "His personal stamp was more in his philanthropy than is true for many wealthy individuals." In comparison to other name-brand philanthropists, it's unclear if Allen intended for his wealth to be vigorously spent down in order to accelerate the programs he believed in — like his Microsoft counterpart Bill Gates has pledged to do. The alternative would be for his money to perpetuate through investments so that his foundation could live on indefinitely, as steel tycoon Andrew Carnegie ordered more than a century ago. □

Cybersecurity 'Paul Revere' touts adversarial model

BURLINGTON, Mass. (AP) — Chris Wysopal and his Boston hacker collective pals from the L0pht sounded the alarm on the sad state of software vulnerability in a now-legendary 1998 appearance before Congress. Then-Sen. Joe Lieberman hailed the group as "modern-day Paul Revers."

Wysopal remains active in cybersecurity today as chief technology officer of Veracode, now part of CA Technologies. He spoke with The Associated Press recently on the state of security. Questions and responses have been edited for clarity and length.

Q: How did Microsoft in 2002 come to embrace

the mindset of allowing friendly, "white-hat" hackers to pick apart software to expose flaws?

A: White hats go after the thing that is going to get the biggest bang for the buck, generate the most impact. That's why we targeted Microsoft and that's why Microsoft was under the most pressure.

Q: And the rest of the industry followed suit?

A: Every (big) company that grew up after Microsoft got to start from scratch — the Googles and the Facebooks, the Amazons. The mindset had already changed. You have to build software and systems securely or you're doomed. □

US home sales fell in September to slowest pace in 3 years

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. home sales fell for the sixth straight month in September, a sign that housing has increasingly become a weak spot for the economy.

The National Association of Realtors said Friday that sales declined 3.4 percent last month, the biggest drop in 2 ½ years, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.15 million. That's the lowest sales pace since November 2015.

Hurricane Florence dragged sales in North Carolina, but even excluding the storm's effects, sales would have fallen more than 2 percent, the NAR said. After reaching the highest level in a decade last year, sales of existing homes have declined steadily in 2018 amid rapid price increases, higher mortgage rates and a tight supply of available houses.



In this Aug. 30, 2018, file photo a sale signs stand outside a home on the market in Denver.

Associated Press

Still, analysts are mostly optimistic about the broader economy. Most forecast growth will top 3 percent at an annual rate in the July-September quarter, after a robust expansion of 4.2 per-

cent in the second quarter. "Housing is no longer a tail wind for the economy, but the headwinds are blowing very gently," said Michelle Meyer, an economist at Bank of America Merrill

Lynch, before the report was released.

Housing will likely weaken further in the coming months. September's weakness came before mortgage rates jumped further

this month to their highest levels in seven years. Sales fell 4.1 percent in September from a year ago.

"Without a doubt there is a clear shift in the market," said Lawrence Yun, chief economist at the National Association of Realtors.

One sign of the shift is that demand for existing homes is slowing. Home prices are rising at a slower rate and the supply of available houses, while low, is increasing. Buyer traffic has also declined, Yun said.

And with rents also stabilizing in many cities, many would-be buyers may not feel as much pressure to buy a new home.

"Renting itself may be seen as a better bargain as rising mortgage interest rates, still-rising home prices and sluggish wage growth dent the affordability advantage of a typical mortgage," said Aaron Terrazas, senior economist at real estate data provider Zillow. □

American Express profits jump 22 percent, beating forecasts

By **KEN SWEET**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — American Express said its third quarter profits jumped by 22 percent from a year earlier, as the credit card giant benefited from a lower tax rate and increased spending on the company's credit cards.

The New York-based company said it earned a profit of \$1.65 billion, or \$1.88 a share, which is up from \$1.36 billion, or \$1.51 a share, in the same period a year ago. The results beat analysts' expectations, who were looking for AmEx to earn \$1.77 a share, according to FactSet.

"We delivered strong results this quarter driven by higher card member spending, fee income and loans," said Stephen Squeri, the company's chairman and chief executive officer. Squeri took over AmEx early this year, when then CEO Kenneth Chenault retired.

The results came as American Express faces a much more competitive land-

scape than it did only a couple years ago. The Chase Sapphire Reserve Card by JPMorgan Chase became a major product in the premium credit card market, something that solely belonged to American Express with its Platinum Card.

In response, AmEx has been adding benefits to its cards, like a \$15-a-month credit on Uber, or, with the recently revamped Gold Card, a \$10-a-month credit on select dining outlets. Meanwhile, AmEx has been raising the annual fees on its cards to make up for the increased benefits — something that appears not to be driving away new or existing customers. Total cards in force grew by 7 percent from a year earlier, despite the fee increases. American Express card users spent \$294.7 billion on their cards globally last quarter, an 8 percent jump from a year earlier. In the U.S., the company's largest market, card user spending was up 10 percent from



This Oct. 4, 2016, file photo shows a mockup of an American Express Platinum Card provided by the company in New York. American Express reports earnings Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018.

Associated Press

a year earlier. AmEx takes a fee from merchants for each time their cards are used.

AmEx has also been encouraging its users to maintain a balance on their cards as well, collecting more interest income particularly as interest rates rise. Total loans held by AmEx users were \$77.6 billion in the quarter, up from \$67.9 billion a year earlier. That helped contribute to

a 20 percent rise in interest revenue this quarter.

But that move into lending comes with a risk that some customers will be unable to repay their debts. The company's net charge-off rate, or the percentage of loans AmEx sees as unrecoverable, crept up to 2.5 percent from 2.1 percent a year earlier. That figure still remains among the lowest in the industry, but it has been moving higher or

holding steady for several quarters now.

Despite the rise in delinquencies, American Express Chief Financial Officer Jeff Campbell said the defaults are "slightly better than what we previously expected." Like other large companies, AmEx also benefited from a lower tax rate this quarter, due to the Republican tax law that was enacted late last year. The amount that the company set aside to pay income taxes was down 2 percent from a year earlier, even though AmEx's revenues and profits grew.

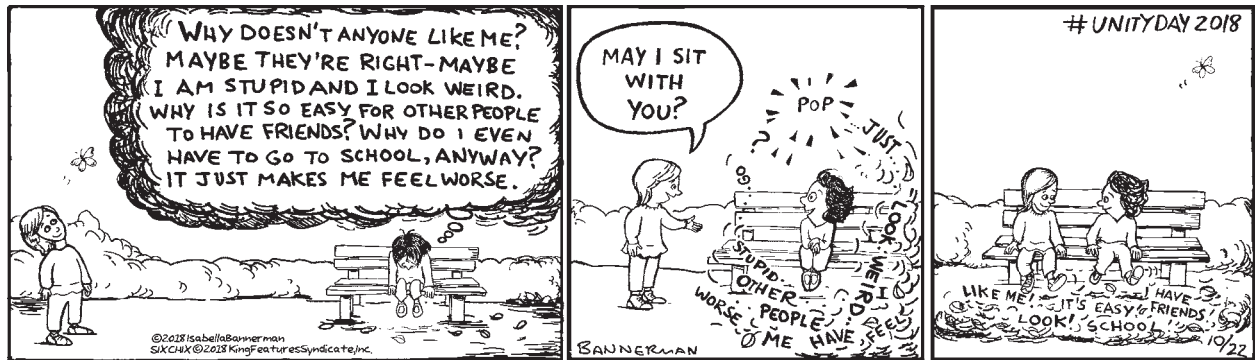
AmEx shares were up 0.5 percent to \$103.40 in after-market trading. □

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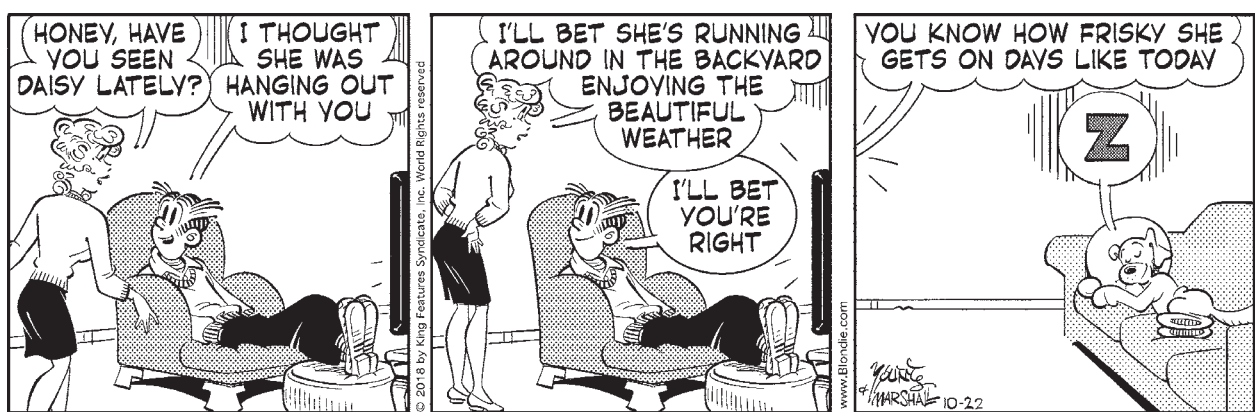
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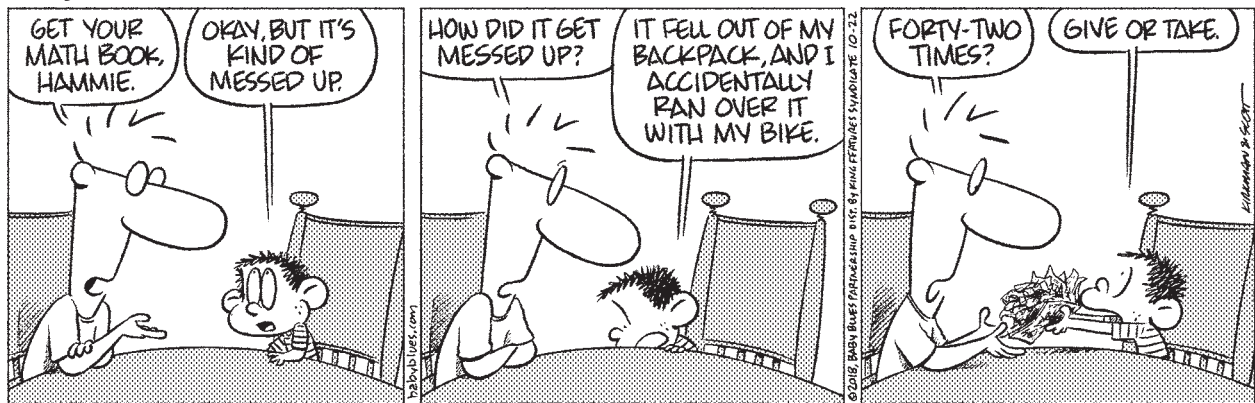
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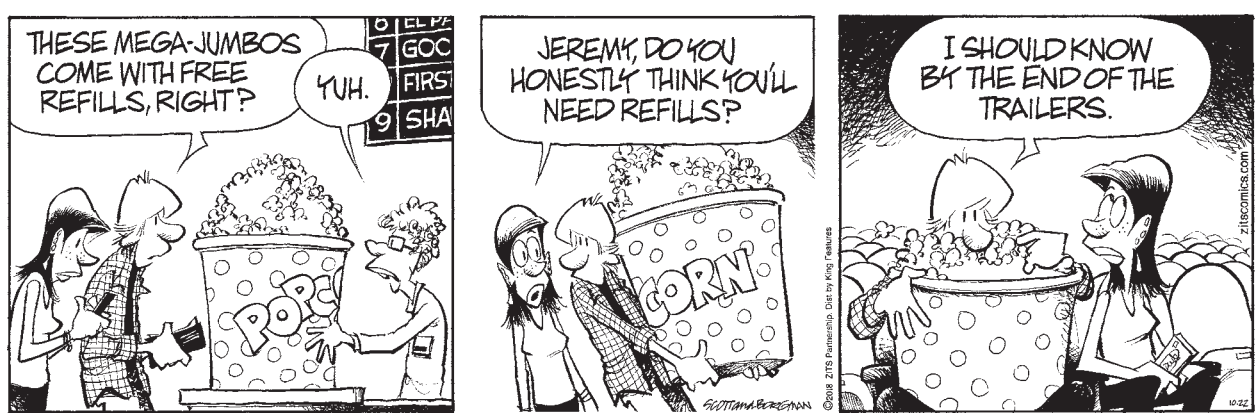
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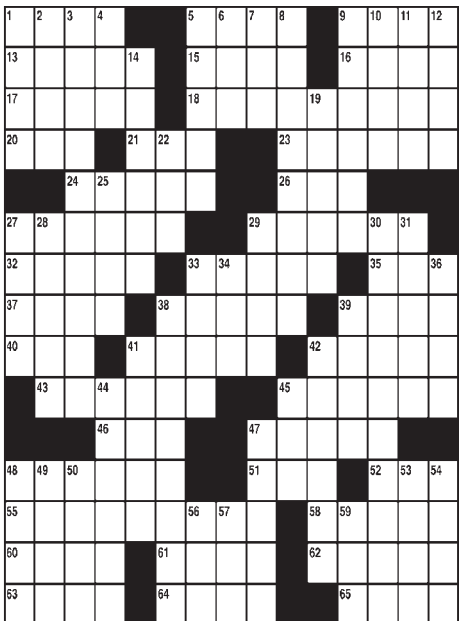
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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- 1 Get rid of
- 5 Tumor
- 9 Argument
- 13 Feasts with hula dancing
- 15 Take out
- 16 Gift wrapper's need
- 17 Concur
- 18 Large terriers
- 20 Taft's monogram
- 21 Moving truck
- 23 Clap cuffs on
- 24 Pays attention to
- 26 West
- 27 Back teeth
- 29 Small, but aggressive
- 32 Haywire
- 33 Grieve
- 35 Holiday entrée, perhaps
- 37 Car blemish
- 38 Nat and Natalie
- 39 Roll call response
- 40 -shaped; oval
- 41 On the ; honest
- 42 Crowd
- 43 Take for granted
- 45 Woods
- 46 Prefix for view or heat
- 47 Reddish dye
- 48 "Sesame "
- 51 Needless fuss
- 52 WWII president
- 55 Adviser
- 58 Numerical comparison
- 60 Middle-; neither young nor old
- 61 NFL officials
- 62 Item in a package of bedding
- 63 Fishing poles
- 64 Slangy reply
- 65 Martial ; judo, karate, etc.



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- 3 Residents of our planet

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- 42 Respects
- 44 Goes on a shopping spree
- 45 up; disgusted
- 47 Severe
- 48 Skin mark
- 49 African nation
- 50 Had regrets about
- 53 Atkins or South Beach
- 54 Goes bad
- 56 Mr. Iacocca
- 57 "Son gun"
- 59 Cry of discovery

Hackers breach HealthCare.gov system, get data on 75,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government computer system that interacts with HealthCare.gov was hacked earlier this month, compromising the sensitive personal data of some 75,000 people, officials said Friday.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services made the announcement late in the afternoon ahead of a weekend, a time slot agencies often use to release unfavorable developments.

Officials said the hacked system was shut down and technicians are working to restore it before sign-up season starts Nov. 1 for health care coverage under the Affordable Care

Act.

About 10 million people currently have private coverage under former President Barack Obama's health care law.

Consumers applying for subsidized coverage have to provide extensive personal information, including Social Security numbers, income, and citizenship or legal immigration status.

The system that was hacked is used by insurance agents and brokers to directly enroll customers. All other sign-up systems are working.

CMS spokesman Johnathan Monroe said "nothing happened" to the HealthCare.gov website used by the general public. □

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Immunotherapy scores a first win against some breast cancers

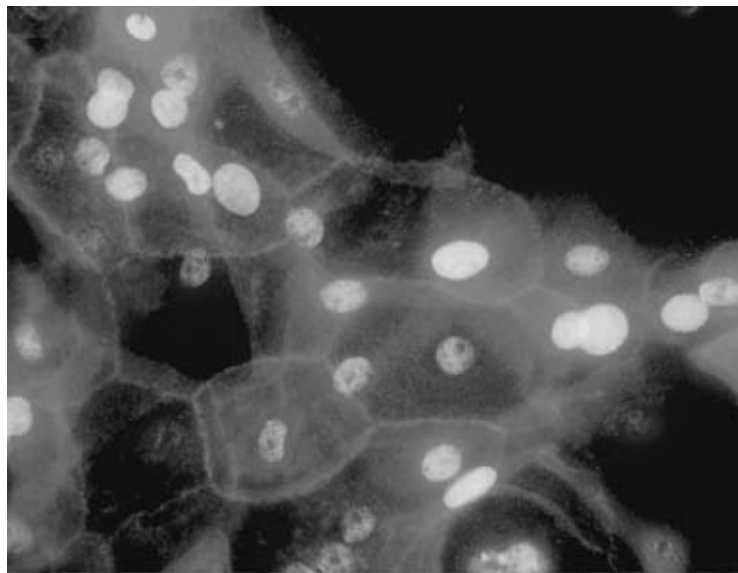
By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE**
AP Chief Medical Writer

For the first time, one of the new immunotherapy drugs has shown promise against breast cancer in a large study that combined it with chemotherapy to treat an aggressive form of the disease. But the benefit for most women was small, raising questions about whether the treatment is worth its high cost and side effects.

Results were discussed Saturday at a cancer conference in Munich and published by the New England Journal of Medicine.

Drugs called checkpoint inhibitors have transformed treatment of many types of cancer by removing a chemical brake that keeps the immune system from killing tumor cells. Their discovery recently earned scientists a Nobel Prize. Until now, though, they haven't proved valuable against breast cancer.

The new study tested one from Roche called Tecentriq plus chemo versus chemo alone in 902 women with advanced



This undated fluorescence-colored microscope image made available by the National Institutes of Health in September 2016 shows a culture of human breast cancer cells.

Associated Press

triple-negative breast cancer. About 15 percent of cases are this type — their growth is not fueled by the hormones estrogen or progesterone, or the gene that Herceptin targets, making them hard to treat.

Women in the study who received Tecentriq plus chemo went two months longer on average without their cancer worsening compared with those on chemo alone — a modest

benefit. The combo did not significantly improve survival in an early look before long-term follow-up is complete.

Previous studies found that immunotherapies work best in patients with high levels of a protein that the drugs target, and the plan for the breast cancer study called for analyzing how women fared according to that factor if Tecentriq improved survival overall.

The drug failed that test, but researchers still looked at protein-level results and saw encouraging signs. Women with high levels who received the combo treatment lived roughly 25 months on average versus about 15 months for women given chemo alone.

That's a big difference, but it will take more time to see if there's a reliable way to predict benefit, said Dr. Jennifer Litton of the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. She had no role in running the study but enrolled some patients in it, and oversees 14 others testing immunotherapies.

"We're really hopeful that we can identify a group of women who can get a much bigger and longer response," she said.

Another breast cancer specialist with no role in the study, Dr. Michael Hassett at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, said he felt "cautious excitement" that immunotherapy may prove helpful for certain breast cancer patients.

Side effects need a close look, both doctors said.

Nearly all study participants had typical chemo side effects such as nausea or low blood cell counts, but serious ones were more common with the combo treatment and twice as many women on it stopped treatment for that reason.

Three of the six deaths from side effects in the combo group were blamed on the treatment itself; only one of three such deaths in the chemo group was.

Cost is another concern. Tecentriq is \$12,500 a month. The chemo in this study was Celgene's Abraxane, which costs about \$3,000 per dose plus doctor fees for the IV treatments. Older chemo drugs cost less but require patients to use a steroid to prevent allergic reactions that might interfere with the immunotherapy. Abraxane was chosen because it avoids the need for a steroid, said one study leader, Dr. Sylvia Adams of NYU Langone Health.

The study was sponsored by Roche and many study leaders consult or work for the company or own stock in it. □

Europe, Japan send spacecraft on 7-year journey to Mercury



In this photo provided by European Space Agency (ESA), The Ariane 5 rocket carrying BepiColombo lifts off from its launch pad at Kourou in French Guiana, for the mission to Mercury, Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018.

Associated Press

By **MARI YAMGUCHI** and **FRANK JORDANS**

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — European and Japanese space agencies said an Ariane 5 rocket successfully lifted a spacecraft carrying two probes into orbit Saturday for a joint mission to Mercury, the closest planet to the sun.

The European Space Agency and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency said the unmanned BepiColombo spacecraft successfully separated and was sent into orbit from French Guiana as planned to begin a seven-year journey to Mercury.

They said the spacecraft, named after Italian scientist Giuseppe "Bepi" Colombo, was in the right orbit and has sent the first signal after the liftoff.

ESA says the 1.3 billion-euro (\$1.5 billion) mission is one of the most challenging

in its history. Mercury's extreme temperatures, the intense gravity pull of the sun and blistering solar radiation make for hellish conditions.

The BepiColombo spacecraft will have to follow an elliptical path that involves a fly-by of Earth, two of Venus and six of Mercury itself so it can slow down before arriving at its destination in December 2025.

When it arrives, BepiColombo will release two probes — Bepi and Mio — that will independently investigate the surface and magnetic field of Mercury. The probes are designed to cope with temperatures varying from 430 degrees Celsius (806 F) on the side facing the sun, and -180 degrees Celsius (-292 F) in Mercury's shadow.

The ESA-developed Bepi will operate in Mercury's inner orbit, and JAXA's Mio will be in the outer orbit to

gather data that would reveal the internal structure of the planet, its surface and geological evolution. Scientists hope to build on the insights gained by NASA's Messenger probe, which ended its mission in 2015 after a four-year orbit of Mercury. The only other spacecraft to visit Mercury was NASA's Mariner 10 that flew past the planet in the mid-1970s.

Mercury, which is only slightly larger than Earth's moon, has a massive iron core about which little is known. Researchers are also hoping to learn more about the formation of the solar system from the data gathered by the BepiColombo mission.

"Beyond completing the challenging journey, this mission will return a huge bounty of science," said Jan Wörner, ESA Director General, in a statement. □

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Old-school R&B group The O'Jays get into a political groove

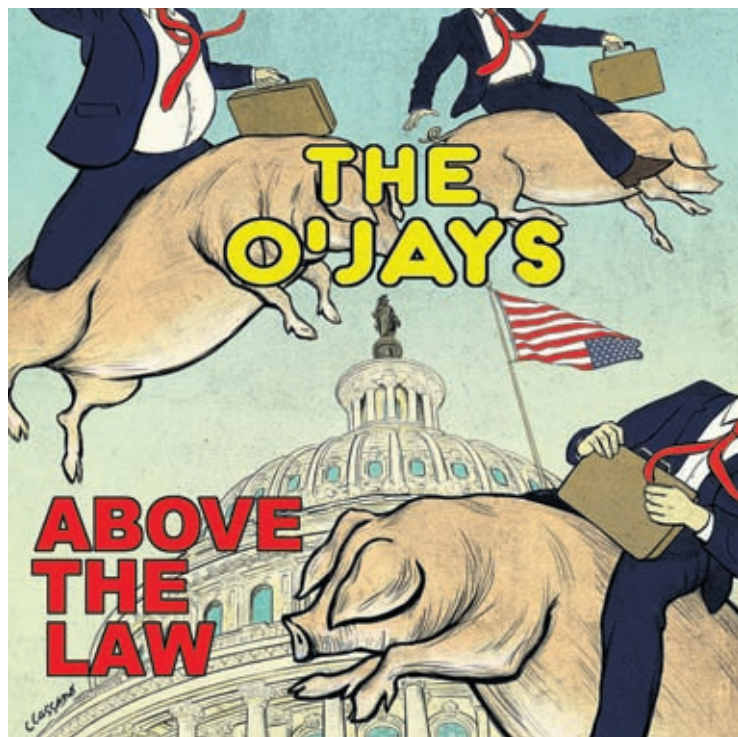
By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The iconic R&B group The O'Jays has always made music for the heart. Now the group is going for the jugular on what it says is its last album. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees known for the classic song "Love Train" on Friday released the politically charged single "Above the Law," which explores racial and class inequality. The lyrics include: "Game is fixed/ Pure parlor tricks."

The single will be part of The O'Jays' final studio album, the socially conscious "The Last Word," their first original material in almost 20 years, which is set for release Feb. 22 from S-Curve Records.

Group co-founders Eddie Levert Sr. and Walter Williams Sr. told The Associated Press this week that the group didn't intend to make new music as it looks toward retirement but felt



This image released by S-Curve Records shows "Above the Law," a release by The O'Jays.

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compelled by what it has seen over the past few years.

"You almost have to say something. You almost have to get involved. You

know, it's bad. I've never seen it this bad," said Williams, 75. "You have to say something. You have to do something. People have to get out and vote to

change things if they want change."

"Above the Law" was composed by Betty Wright and Angelo Morris, and produced by Steve Greenberg, Wright, Mike Mangini and Sam Hollander. More of its lyrics include the lines "Re-invent slavery/ Erase the war on poverty/ Separate primarily/ By class."

"As soon as I heard it, I told Mr. Greenberg, 'We are all going to jail,'" Williams said, laughing. "He said, 'Don't worry about it. I'll be the guy that gives you the cake with the file in it.'"

The cover, by artist Christa Cassan, shows businessmen with briefcases riding flying pigs over the Capitol. A lyric video for "Above the Law" begins with a \$100 bill being burned, before showing photos of black men manhandled by the police, scary newspaper headlines, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders and Su-

preme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

Levert, 76, said he feels like he's stepped back in time to when he was a child in Alabama and the Ku Klux Klan was terrorizing people. He watched with alarm as white supremacists are walking through U.S. city streets once more.

"Now, it seems like we've done a 360-degree turn and gone back to those same times when they can hang and shoot and kill people just because of their color," Levert said. "Walter and myself, we're living this twice. It's like repeating yourself. It's crazy."

Williams and Levert formed the band in Canton, Ohio, in 1963, alternating as lead singers. Hits from their peak in the 1970s and 1980s include "Backstabbers," "Love Train" and "Use Ta Be My Girl." The group's last album of new material, "Love You to Tears," appeared in 1997. □

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'Halloween' scares up \$77.5 million in ticket sales

By LINDSEY BAHR
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Forty years after he first appeared in theaters, Michael Myers is still drawing huge audiences for a good scare.

Universal Pictures said Sunday that "Halloween" took in an estimated \$77.5 million in ticket sales from North American theaters. It captured first place at the box office with the second-highest horror opening of all time, behind last year's "It."

It also marked the second highest October opening ever behind "Venom's" \$80.3 million launch earlier this month.

The studio also says it's the biggest movie opening ever with a female lead over 55, in star Jamie Lee Curtis.

David Gordon Green directed "Halloween," which brings back Curtis as Laurie Strode and Nick Castle as Michael Myers and essentially ignores the events of the other sequels and spinoffs aside from John Carpenter's original.

Reviews have been largely



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Jamie Lee Curtis in a scene from "Halloween," in theaters nationwide on Oct. 19.

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positive for the new installment, with an 80 percent fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes and a B+ Cinema Score from audiences that were mostly older (59 percent over 25) and male (53 percent). Internationally, "Halloween" earned \$14.3 million from 23 markets.

Blumhouse, the shop be-

hind "Get Out" and numerous other modestly budgeted horror films, co-produced "Halloween." It cost only \$10 million to make.

"You take the nostalgia for 'Halloween,' especially with the return of Jamie Lee Curtis, and you combine that with the Blumhouse brand and its contemporary cur-

rency in the genre and it just made for a ridiculously potent combination at the box office this weekend," said Jim Orr, Universal's president of domestic distribution.

With 10 days to go until the holiday, including another weekend, the studio expects "Halloween" to enjoy

a much longer life than typical horror films that usually drop off significantly after the first weekend.

"Halloween" was enough to bump the comic-book film "Venom" out of the No. 1 spot and into third place. In its third weekend in theaters, it collected \$18.1 million, bringing its domestic total to \$171.1 million.

Meanwhile "A Star Is Born" held on to second place in its third weekend with \$19.3 million. The Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga drama has grossed \$126.4 million from North American theaters and is cruising to break \$200 million worldwide Sunday.

Damien Chazelle's Neil Armstrong biopic "First Man" tumbled to fifth place in its second weekend earning \$8.6 million, down 46 percent from its launch.

It was a particularly busy week at the box office as critically acclaimed films such as the young adult adaptation "The Hate U Give" and the Robert Redford swan song "The Old Man & The Gun" expanded nationwide after a few weeks in limited release. □

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ANA MARIA ARIAS | VICTOR BAUJOUR
TRABAJO SUCIO SPANISH [R]
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JEFF BRIDGES | CYNTHIA ERIVO
BAD TIMES AT THE EL ROYALE
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [R]
MON-SUN 9:00

TOM HARDY | MICHELLE WILLIAMS
VENOM
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG-13]
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LADY GAGA | BRADLEY COOPER
A STAR IS BORN
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [R]
MON-THU & SUN 4:00 | 8:35
FRI-SAT 4:00 | 8:35 | 11:25

JACK BLACK | WENDY MCLENDON-COVEY
GOOSEBUMPS 2
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG]
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SAT-SUN 2:30 | 4:40 | 6:50

KEVIN HART | TIFFANY HADDISH
NIGHT SCHOOL [PG-13]
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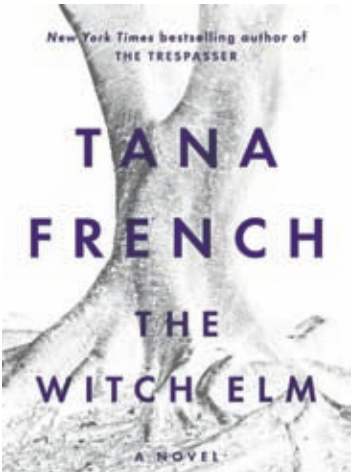
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Tana French returns, siding with victim in 'The Witch Elm'



This cover image released by Viking shows "The Witch Elm," a novel by Tana French.

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By CHRISTINA LEDBETTER
"The Witch Elm: a Novel" (Viking), by Tana French
By now we are accustomed to Tana French's engrossing, eloquently written murder plots solved by the Dublin Murder Squad. This

time, however, she's left the police to work behind closed doors and introduces her first stand-alone novel, "The Witch Elm."

We meet Toby on the night he's brutally assaulted in his apartment. This is only the beginning of his problems as he soon finds himself disabled and living with his dying uncle, Hugo. Then a skull is found in the garden of the family home, bringing with it endless questions: To whom did it belong? How did it get there? What if Toby doesn't know himself as well as he thought?

While past novels contained snarky, quick-witted characters, this book introduces French's first bloke who properly demands at least a handful of spit-your-drink-out laughs. With that, Toby's quips never fight for

center stage. As always, mystery combined with characters worth caring about glide the story along.

French burrows deeply into her victim's psyche, plucking out his thoughts and presenting them with such elegantly worded descriptions one may think the author has nestled herself in an armchair squarely in Toby's frontal cortex.

The primary setting, Uncle Hugh's ivy-covered house with its book-filled study, earthy garden brimming with plants and kitchen complete with casseroles and cousins serves the plot well. The home harbors history and secrets, perfect for a slow reveal, and the countless drugs and drink consumed there guarantee folks will remember that history differently. □

Jonah Hill on toxic masculinity and skateboarding

By LINDSEY BAHR

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jonah Hill has always wanted to direct. He worships filmmakers and has treated what he describes as an "accidental" but "wonderful" 15-year acting career as a partial film school, learning from people like Bennett Miller, who directed him in "Moneyball" and Martin Scorsese on "The Wolf of Wall Street." But Hill didn't just want to make any film, he wanted to have something to say, and the confidence and "emotional maturity" required to lead people

He settled on a coming-of-age story, which he laughs is a "tried and true" formula for a first film. It's about a 13-year-old boy, Stevie (Sunny Suljic), growing up in Los Angeles with a single mother (Katherine Waterston), an abusive older brother (Lucas Hedges) who finds solace (and quite a bit of trouble) with bunch of local skateboarders (newcomers Na-kel Smith, Olan Prenatt, Ryder McLaughli and Gio Galicia).

It took Hill three years to write "Mid90s" which is now playing in limited release before it expands nationwide. For the shoot, he and his crew painstakingly recreated the mid-90s Los Angeles he remembers, from the music, to the clothes,



This image released by A24 shows writer-director Jonah Hill, right, with cast members Lucas Hedges, left, and Sunny Suljic during the filming of "Mid90s."

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the talk and even the trash. "A Doritos bag has a wildly different shape and aesthetic now than it did in 1995," Hill says.

Hill spoke to The Associated Press about the film and what he was trying to say. Remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

AP: What was the genesis of this idea?

HILL: Well, I grew up skateboarding in the mid-90s in Los Angeles. It is in no way a biopic or an autobiography, but I knew skateboarding would play in some way into my first film because although I was terrible at it, it was something that came into my life when I really

needed it and really gave me a lens that I saw most things through, even when I went into comedy or film, it's subversive, it's anti, it's punk, its sense of humor, taste in music, attitude toward authority (laughs). And to me skateboarding is always butchered in film. It's always done stereotypically, made by people who weren't from the culture a lot of the time.

AP: How did you settle on Sunny for the lead?

HILL: He had the exact quality I was looking for which was someone who was very young for their age but who was 10-feet-tall inside. He was the first kid we read and after he

did this scene (of yelling at his mom in the car), everyone was like, oh this isn't just a good child actor, this is a great actor of any age or gender. He was 11 when we shot. I'm 34 and have been acting for 15 years and have never had to strap a movie on my back and walk across the field with it and he did it at 11. He's a freak of nature. He's remarkable.

AP: I feel like I certainly learned something about how teenage boys are together from this film.

HILL: These kids speak in a way I don't agree with, they treat women in a way I don't agree with. But they also are very much there

for one another. There's good and bad to people. It's not black and white. And things like homophobia and toxic masculinity and treatment of women, even though I don't agree with these things, they were things I noticed growing up that I wanted to show as unflinchingly as possible so people could decide for themselves where they fall on that line. To me, it's really ugly and it's really hard to watch a lot of it. That's by design. And I think it's interesting to watch it with a crowd of people. You do see people laughing at moments I never would have expected or flinching at moments and it's important to see the truth even if it sucks. And there's the example of Steve's first sexual experience. I wanted to show how terrified he was and the only moment that becomes enjoyable to him is when he realizes it's currency to rise up in the animal kingdom of his friends... those were lessons I saw growing up that we clearly as a society are having to unlearn.

AP: So this is a commentary on masculinity?

HILL: Yes. I'm someone who is highly sensitive and emotional and has come a long way in my life in a sense of learning who I am and a sense of being able to communicate my feelings thoughtfully and openly. □

Marvel universe a slice smaller with Luke Cage cancellation

By The Associated Press

The Marvel universe just got a slice smaller on Netflix with the cancellation of "Marvel's Luke Cage" after two seasons.

The news Friday surprised fans and came soon after Netflix axed another live-action Marvel series, "Iron Fist." Both are part of The Defenders world and ordered up by Netflix among five back in 2013.

"Unfortunately, Marvel's Luke Cage will not return for a third season," said a statement released by Netflix. "Everyone at Marvel Television and Netflix is

grateful to the dedicated showrunner, writers, cast and crew who brought Harlem's Hero to life for the past two seasons, and to all the fans who have supported the series."

Netflix didn't provide a reason for the cancellation. An email request for additional comment was not immediately returned Saturday.

The Cage series made a splash when it was released because it featured a rare black superhero in a stand-alone vehicle. Mike Colter starred as the bullet-proof hero for hire. The second season premiered

in June. Cage creator and showrunner Cheo Hodari Coker responded on Twitter but also offered no insight into why the series was dumped. "A lot of memories. A lot of individual thank you calls to make," he said. "Just want to say thank you to Marvel, Netflix, the best Writer's room, cast, crew, the Midnight Hour, all those who graced the stage at Harlem's Paradise and the most incredible fan base in the world. Forward always..."

Disney, Marvel's parent company, is working on its own streaming service. □



In this June 21, 2018 file photo, Mike Colter attends the premiere of the Netflix original series Marvel's "Luke Cage" season two at The Edison Ballroom in New York.

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Melting glacier in China draws tourists, climate worries

By SAM McNEIL

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Associated Press

YULONGXUESHAN, China

(AP) — The loud crack rang out from the fog above the Baishui No. 1 Glacier as a stone shard careened down the ice, flying past Chen Yanjun as he operated a GPS device.

More projectiles were tumbling down the hulk of ice that scientists say is one of the world's fastest melting glaciers.

"We should go," said the 30-year-old geologist. "The first rule is safety."

Chen hiked away and onto a barren landscape once buried beneath the glacier. Now there is exposed rock littered with oxygen tanks discarded by tourists visiting the 15,000-foot (4,570-meter) -high blanket of ice in southern China.

Millions of people each year are drawn to Baishui's frosty beauty on the south-eastern edge of the Third Pole — a region in Central Asia with the world's third largest store of ice after Antarctica and Greenland that's roughly the size of Texas and New Mexico combined.

Third Pole glaciers are vital to billions of people from Vietnam to Afghanistan. Asia's 10 largest rivers — including the Yangtze, Yellow, Mekong, and Ganges — are fed by seasonal melting.

"You're talking about one of the world's largest freshwater sources," said Ashley Johnson, energy program manager at the National Bureau of Asian Research, an American think tank. "Depending on how it melts, a lot of the freshwater will be leaving the region for the ocean, which will have severe impacts on water and food security."

Earth is today 1 degree Centigrade (1.8 Fahrenheit) hotter than pre-industrial levels because of climate change — enough to melt 28 to 44 percent of glaciers worldwide, according to a new report by the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Temperatures are expected to keep rising.



This Sept. 21, 2018 photo shows the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain in the southern province of Yunnan in China home to a glacier that scientists say is one of the fastest melting glaciers in the world due to climate change and its relative proximity to the Equator.

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Baishui is about as close to the Equator as Tampa, Florida. And the impacts of climate change already are dramatic.

The glacier has lost 60 percent of its mass and shrunk 250 meters (820 feet) since 1982, according to a 2018 report in the Journal of Geophysical Research. Scientists found in 2015

that 82 percent of glaciers surveyed in China had retreated. They warned that the effects of glacier melting on water resources are gradually becoming "increasingly serious" for China.

"China has always had a freshwater supply problem with 20 percent of the world's population but only

7 percent of its freshwater," said Jonna Nyman, an energy security lecturer at the University of Sheffield. "That's heightened by the impact of climate change." For years, scientists have observed global warming change Jade Dragon Snow Mountain in the Chinese province of Yunnan. One research team has

tracked Baishui's retreat of about 30 yards (27 meters) per year over the past decade. Flowers, such as snow lotus, have rooted in exposed earth, says Wang Shijin, a glaciologist and director of the Yulong Snow Mountain Glacial and Environmental Observation Research Station, part of a network run by the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Nestled into a suburb of Lijiang, population 1.2 million, the station is home to Wang and his team: geologist and drone operator Chen, postgraduate glaciology student Zhou Lanyue and electrical engineer Zhang Xing, a private contractor.

After breakfast, the team heads off by van for the day's mission. A cable car carries them up to a majestic view of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain.

The team shuffles past a line of tourists — many in red ponchos, most sucking oxygen canisters, a few vomiting from altitude sickness — before descending to replace a broken meteorological station.

The team operates remote sensors that collect data on temperature, wind speed, rainfall, and humidity. Other sensors measure water flow in streams fed by melted ice. Cold, downpours, rock slides, gales and glacier movement break the equipment.

"It is not easy to encounter good weather here," Wang said.

This weather will ensure Yunnan has plenty of freshwater while other glacier loss poses serious risk of drought across the Third Pole, he said.

The next day, the team wore crampons while repairing more sensors scattered across the glacier's crags.

"Where we're at right now was back in 2008 all covered with ice," Wang said. "From here to there at the side, the glacier shrank about 20 to 30 meters. The shrinking is very remarkable." The team forded streams and jumped crevasses in search of long iron bars they previously embedded in the ice. □



This Sept. 21, 2018 aerial photo shows a couple posing for photographs at the Valley of the Blue Moon glacial lake fed by the Baishui Glacier No.1 atop the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain in the southern province of Yunnan in China.

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